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so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Finally! Hamilton faculty approves new curriculum

By Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS EDITOR

Part II of II

After several years of development and debate, the faculty voted on Tuesday to eliminate distribution requirements.

By a margin of nearly 2 to 1, faculty members ushered in a new era in academics at Hamilton, a decision that President Tobin called "the most momentous decision in my twenty years here." Faced with several options, the faculty approved the proposition for smaller courses during the first two years, as well as the sophomore seminar component, and effectively abolished distribution requirements as they currently exist.

"The plan that passed institutes an interdisciplinary sophomore seminar program and replaces our current breadth of coursework requirements with a model that emphasizes student choice and responsibility as well as renewed emphasis on advising," according to Professor of Government Ted Eismeier.

Beginning with the class of 2005, students will no longer be obligated to complete any distribution requirements, including any requirement for ethics or cultural diversity. The proposal for a more intense cultural diversity requirement was rejected. Under this new curriculum, students will be required only to participate in a sophomore seminar, pursue a program of concentration, and complete a senior project in that concentration. The requirements for writing intensive courses, as well as the physical education requirement, will be left intact. All other course choices will be left entirely to the student, in close consultation with their advisor. Due to this increased freedom of choice, the Committee on Academic Policy has been charged with the task of devising initiatives to improve and strengthen the advising process to insure that students receive proper guidance in their course selection.

The advising process will be reformed to facilitate more of a mentor/mentee relationship between advisors and students, according to Student Assembly President John O'Keeffe '01. Students will be persuaded by their advisor to choose a wide breadth of courses, and will have to make a strong case if they want to exclude a certain subject area from their course selections.

These sweeping changes have left some questioning the validity of a curriculum package that was established with little perceived input from current students. Following the news of an impending faculty vote, many students found themselves uninformed on the curricular reform issue, wondering where this initiative came from, and where it was going. Yet this may be only half of the story.

Two years ago, the curricular reform package was distributed to the entire student body, and suggestions from students were requested. Student Assembly held a panel discussion and several open forums at this time to foster debate and interest on the issue. Past Student Assembly President and past student member of the Committee on Academic Policy Jack Spangler '00 noted that these networks for student input to the curricular reform issue at that time were not utilized.

According to Spangler and former CAP student member, Elena Siegel, student opinions and suggestions could have impacted this process when curricular reform was in its developmental stages, two years ago. Unfortunately, the student body showed little interest in the issue at the time, and made little effort to learn about what was happening with curricular reform. Due to this lack of interest, Student Assembly and others involved in the reform process effectively stopped trying to engage the student body in the issue. Now students are wondering why their information tap was turned off.

The sudden surge in student interest may be too little, too late. As Committee on

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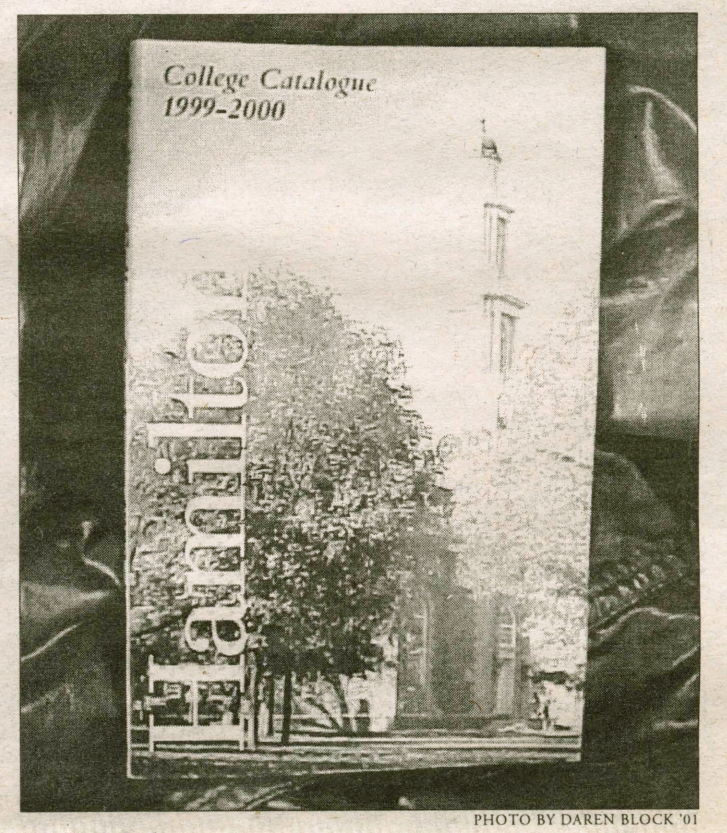

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The recent faculty vote on curricular reform will render the current college catalogue obselete.

PHOTO BY DAMIEN ELLENS '03

Hamilton's women's hockey team ended the home portion of its 1999-2000 schedule this past weekend with a 1-1 tie to Connecticut College. The women take to the road this weekend.

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Housing outlook brightens as options increase

By Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS EDITOR

The dreaded housing lottery may prove less of a headache for many this year, as a smaller projected class of 2004 and the addition of the former AD house as a residence option alleviate the severe housing crunch.

"We have plenty of space," notes Area Coordinator Bryan McGrath. "Everyone should have a happier time (at the housing lottery) as compared to other years." Calling the housing crunch this past fall "unbelievable," McGrath anticipates a more positive outlook for housing in the coming spring lottery.

The major contributing factor to this positive shift is the newly renovated AD house. The still un-named residence hall will accommodate 64 upper-class students in singles and doubles, and should increase space overall for the student body.

Due to this increase in on-campus residence options, Residential Life does not anticipate having to exhaust the waiting list for off-campus housing, as the office has been forced to in the past. Although the number of seniors allowed to live off-campus has consistently been set at 50 by the senior officers of the college, a lack of space in recent years has necessitated that Res. Life go to the off-campus waiting list, thereby exceeding the established number of 50.

Of the nearly 100 students signed up for the off-campus lottery in the spring of 1999, 50 of those were immediately awarded the off-campus privilege. The remaining 50 were eventually contacted by Residential Life over the summer, and asked if they would be willing to move off campus to free up space for a much larger than expected incoming freshman class. Despite being denied in the lottery, about 25 of these wait-listees agreed to move off campus, bringing the total number of students not living in residence halls to 75.

McGrath commented that while the Office of Residential Life has wanted to increase the available number of off-campus spots in the past, there won't be a need to do that this year, as there should be enough space for everyone.

For this year's off-campus lottery, there are currently only 65 rising seniors signed up, a dramatic drop from recent years. Fortunately, there is no expectation this year to revert to the off-campus wait list.

Res. Life is optimistic in its predictions for next semester's housing, and anticipates plenty of options for upperclassmen, which should mean that students will be happier in general with the housing selection.

The space increase will allow students to have more freedom in the case of roommate conflicts. While Res. Life still prefers students to resolve these conflicts, in the event that there are irreconcilable differences, there will now be space if a student needs to relocate. This will alleviate the problem of students being stuck in an undesirable housing situation.

Another expected housing development

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Unused space: The Pavillion a forgotten hangout?

Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS WRITER

Although the warm weather season consists of only a few weeks in the beginning and end of each Hamilton school year, the demand for picnic and barbeque equipment became overwhelming for physical plant workers and the food services staff. So, two years ago, the college built the Pavilion on the south side of campus.

Initially discussed to be constructed on the north side of campus, below Love Field and closer to the tailgating areas, the new space was built on the south campus in an effort to balance both campuses, as this side does not host most of the social activity on the Hill.

Physical Plant Director Terry Hawkridge noted the frequency of student barbecues and felt the construction of this new space would help alleviate the overwhelming competition between students to obtain the space and equipment for which to have a cookout. The cookout area is modelled after a smalltown picnic area.

The covered pavilion ensures the durability of the picnic equipment and power facilities.

This may all seem good. However, the question then becomes, why are students reluctant to take advantage of this space and recreation area? It is true that alcohol is not allowed to be consumed at the Pavilion. This is true for a variety of reasons that are largely attributed to the simple fact that underage drinking is illegal. In addition to 3/4 of the campus not being of age, consumption of alcohol in an open space is also an illegal activity to which the college cannot turn a blind eye.

"75% of the campus can't drink and another 2% doesn't, so where are you then? The college can not institute a new policy that negates the state law! If the drinking age were to go back to 18 again, then that would be great- but it's not, so where do we draw the line?" Hawkridge said.

The space is often forgotten about by most students. Tucked away from the major activity in the center of campus, this recreational area is an ideal place for sports teams and student activity groups to host a dinner. It is clean, covered and has the resources for any campus band to come and play. The sand and volleyball area is an additional feature of the Pavilion.

Plans for plumbing facilities are in the process of being devised. As of now, there have been no noise complaints by students living in Babbitt and Milbank dorms, in close proximity to the Pavilion. Realizing the inability to really appreciate a good outdoor barbeque during these winter months, Hawkridge and Director of Student Activities Beverly Low are confident that the warmer months will see greater activity in this new space.

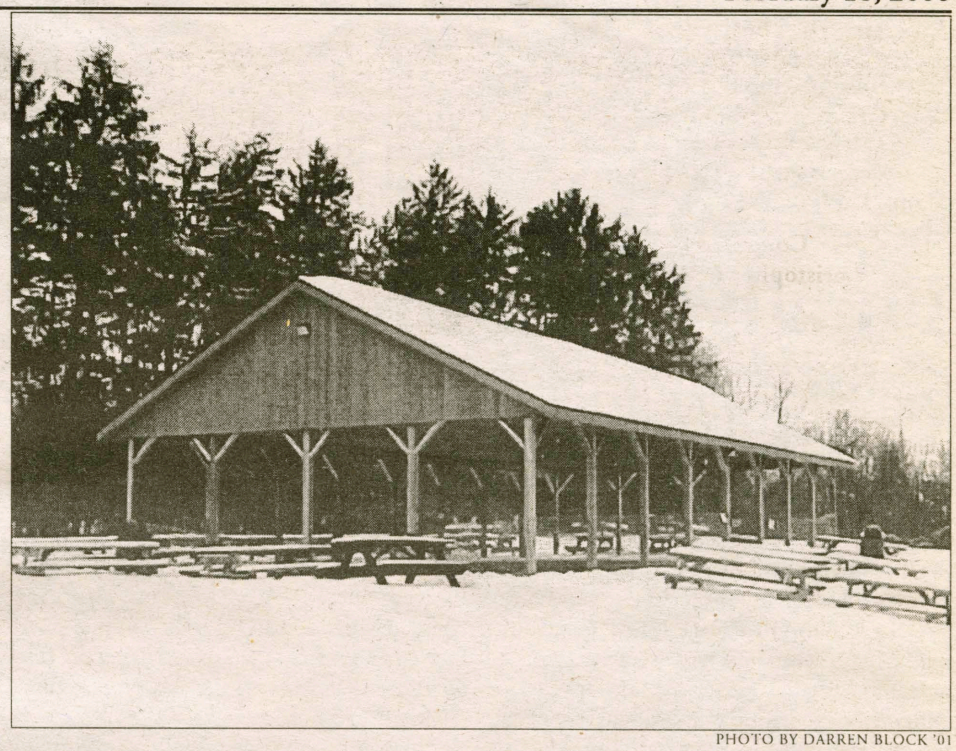

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

While the pavilion sits unused under the cover of snow, college officials expect increased usage once the warm weather finally arrives at Hamilton.

Reform - Distribution Requirements Abolished

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Academic Policy chairwoman Professor Margaret Thickstun has noted, mass input from the general student populace at the current stage of development would be counterproductive.

The only recent, official student input came from both Spangler and Siegel, who served as student observers to the Committee on Academic Policy. While both students felt that their input at meetings was entertained thoroughly by the faculty, Spangler did concede that their say was "limited at times."

There have been unofficial opportunities for student opinion, in the form of professors casually asking students where they stand on the issue. Spangler has heard of several instances in which professors have asked their classes for input on curricular reform, as well as faculty members engaging students informally in conversations about the issue.

Understandably, there has been much resentment on behalf of students that their opinions have not been formally requested as of late. But as Class of 2001 President and member of the Student Assembly Committee on Academic Policy Steve Guditus notes, "The average Hamilton student doesn't know what's going on," in terms of the curricular reform issue. Guditus went on to say that last Monday was the first time the majority of Student Assembly members, who serve as the student body's representatives to the faculty and administration, had heard anything about curricular reform.

After hearing of the upcoming faculty vote "We (the members of Student Assembly) decided we could either brush this under the carpet, or open the lines of communication," Guditus stated. The newly established Student Assembly Committee on Academic Policy quickly took action in the form of a mass e-mail to all students, prompting them to respond with their opinion on the issue. Guditus said that the members of the Committee decided the e-mail would "make the most direct and biggest impact" in opening the lines of communication between students and faculty.

The finding of the student survey was as follows: 62% of respondants voted to keep the curriculum as it now stands, 11% voted for the increased requirements proposal (including an expanded cultural diversity requirement), and 27% voted to abolish all requirements.

The Student Assembly Committee then sent these results to all faculty members, and asked them to look at these numbers before making a decision.

Guditus noted that several faculty members gave him positive feedback concerning the survey's usefulness and influence on their decision.

Missed opportunities for input aside, other students find the lack of facts and updates on the curricular reform issue to be unacceptable, and concede that the students are not at fault for this void of information. As Student Assembly President O'Keeffe said, "I just took office four weeks ago, and this whole issue just fell in my lap...I had no idea as to the immediacy of this issue."

O'Keeffe added that "the Student Assembly representatives had not been thoroughly informed by former student representatives to the CAP over the last two years," and that curricular reform had only been mentioned in passing during the two years he served on Student Assembly. He mentioned that other Student Assembly veterans agreed with him on this issue, as none had been made aware that the envisioned curricular reforms were quickly coming to fruition.

The emphasis now is on strengthening and improving the advising process, to facilitate closer relationships between the advisors and their advisees. Under this system, students will be carefully guided and strongly encouraged by their assigned advisor to take courses from many subject areas, even though they won't be required to do so.

"I am an enthusiastic supporter of the proposal we enacted. It puts an emphasis on responsible students working with their advisors to plan a rigorous and rewarding course of study at Hamilton. It builds on the strengths of Hamilton-bright and motivated students and dedicated faculty who enjoy working with students in and out of the classroom," added Eismeier. He went on to note that this new curricular plan "assumes the best, not the worst about students."

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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Sweatshop groups approach their mission in different ways

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — Although University of Pennsylvania President Judith Rodin agreed Monday night to pull out of the Fair Labor Association, the key issue of debate between the administration and the Penn Students Against Sweatshops protesters remains unresolved.

Will Penn re-enter the FLA — a non-profit, labor rights organization made up of corporations, human rights groups and 131 colleges and universities?

Or will it join the Worker Rights Consortium — a student-led group of international labor rights organizations as well as five colleges and universities that the protesters have advocated?

Or perhaps it will just join both — a decision that Ivy League peer Brown University made last October.

Although both the FLA and WRC share the same goal of improving working conditions in Third World countries, they differ in both their overall philosophy and approach.

"The WRC is an organization that is morally sound. We have good principles and good morals," WRC coordinator Maria Roeper said.

"Some people think the FLA is made up of companies that are primarily concerned with saving face — not improving conditions," she added.

Currently affiliated with the growing WRC are Brown, Haverford College, Bard College, Loyola University and Oberlin College, which joined Monday.

Meanwhile, FLA Executive Director Sam Brown said that his group is the most effective way to create change by establishing a code of standards and checks for all companies.

Fire violations found at Seton Hall

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — State officials expressing a "lack of confidence" in local fire inspections of Seton Hall University have examined the dorm where three freshmen died in a blaze and found fire code violations.

However, none of the violations at Boland Hall or at other buildings investigated by the state constituted an "imminent hazard," said William Cane, director of the state Division of Fire Safety, on Wednesday.

Violations found at Boland Hall included unauthorized use of Christmas lights and extension cords and excessive trash in dorm rooms. There also were more serious violations, but Cane would not specify what they were.

Seton Hall has been criticized for its fire safety plans since the Jan. 19 blaze that killed three freshmen and injured 62 other people. Four students remain hospitalized with burns.

A cause has not yet been determined.

Cane said the state stripped the South Orange Fire Department of its annual fire inspection duties at Seton Hall on Feb. 3, after his inspectors found violations and after he was unable to get access to complete inspection records.

"There was a lack of confidence that the inspections in previous years had occurred," Cane said.

University officials refused to comment on Cane's remarks about violations. The school released a statement saying all of its six residence halls "meet building codes and all are safe."

Sens.: Aid can't keep up with costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The more money made available through federal student loans and aid, the more it entices colleges to raise tuitions, complained senators who contend students and government cannot keep up.

"It is incumbent on us to take a serious look at the effect of this government spending on tuition rates," Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Government Affairs Committee, told university officials Wednesday.

In 20 years, tuitions at public and private schools overall have doubled in the past, after inflation. The increases have made college unaffordable for many families, despite the annual $41 billion in federal grants and guaranteed loans, Thompson said.

Senators who fear more federal aid could further drive up college costs speculated that states could raise public tuition caps — figuring more students could afford it because of a larger loan, a higher grant or a potential tax break on their bill.

WORLD NEWS

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Japan first woman Gov. goes to work

(AP) — By all accounts, Fusae Ota's election as Japan's first female governor was a major victory for women in a political world that remains the realm of men.

Now, after just a week in office, she is taking on another battle — against Japan's last bastion of unabashed machismo, the world of sumo. As governor of Japan's second-largest city, Osaka, Ota is entitled to present an award to the winner of a sumo wrestling tournament next month. But sumo officials are refusing to let her in the ring because she is a woman — and women, they say, are impure.

"We want to protect Japan's traditional culture," said Ayako Suzuki of the Sumo Association. "We ask the governor to understand that."

Sumo's ancient roots are entwined with Japan's indigenous Shinto religion, and by custom the sumo ring is considered sacred. For centuries, only men have been allowed inside. Only one other woman has ever been in a position to challenge that before.

AP
Japan's first elected female govenor.

As chief Cabinet secretary, Mayumi Moriyama was set to present the prime minister's award at a sumo tournament in 1990, but backed down after the issue became too divisive. "It's been 10 years since then," Ota told the nationally-circulated Asahi newspaper. "As the first woman governor, I want to try again."

Milosevic re-elected party chief

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Slobodan Milosevic opened his ruling party's congress today, praising its "struggle for freedom and independence" and claiming victory over the West.

The congress was a chance for the Yugoslav leader to rally his supporters, while his opponents said there was nothing to cheer about with the country isolated and the economy crumbling. Thousands of Socialist Party supporters — waving flags and chanting "Slobo, Slobo" — were bused in from rural Serbia, Milosevic's stronghold, for a rally in front of the plush Sava Center where the congress was held. Inside, more than 2,000 delegates and as many guests attended the conference, the fourth since the Socialists took over from the former Communist Party in 1990.

Milosevic, the only candidate, was re-elected president of the Socialist Party. No major policy change or reshuffle in the ranks resulted from the one-day meeting. Milosevic told the audience his party "has been at the helm of the struggle for freedom and independence" from Western domination. Socialists "have succeeded in winning that battle," Milosevic said as he received a standing ovation.

Taxi drivers protest in S. Africa

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Taxi drivers protesting government plans to revamp their industry created traffic jams and prompted a show of force by police and soldiers Thursday, but failed to get the government to reconsider its position.

Traffic on northbound lanes of the highway linking Johannesburg with the capital, Pretoria, came to a standstill as at least 50 taxivans, with a police escort, drove along the 40-mile route to present a letter of protest to President Thabo Mbeki's office.

The drivers were protesting government plans to replace the 16-seat vans currently in use with larger minibuses that can seat 18 to 35 people — a move that the National Taxi Drivers' Organization will cost thousands of drivers their jobs.

Transportation Minister Dullah Omar condemned the protest action staged by the National Taxi Drivers' Organization. There were reports that striking drivers had stopped taxivans that continued to work, and forced passengers to get out.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Gore, Mrs. Clinton campaign together

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton and Al Gore will campaign together in New York for the first time this year as they appeal Sunday to minority voters who could be crucial to them both.

The two will appear at a church service Sunday morning that is a highlight of the annual weekend gathering in Albany of the Legislature's black and Hispanic caucus. Both Clinton and Gore are expected to speak at the service, aides said.

The caucus weekend annually brings together hundreds of the state's top black and Hispanic leaders.

A big test of the state's minority voting power will come in the March 7 presidential primary, an important contest between Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. Both have launched major appeals to minorities in their bids for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The fact that presidential candidate Gore and Senate candidate Clinton haven't yet campaigned together in New York has raised some eyebrows.

Clinton campaign spokesman Howard Wolfson said today there was no intentional distancing of the two candidates.

Aides to Gore said the same thing.

Asked recently why they hadn't been campaigning together, Gore told one television interviewer, "It's a matter of scheduling. Not just me, but also her."

Both have made it clear that they feel they must step out of the shadow of President Clinton. As part of that effort,

Mrs. Clinton has become simply "Hillary" in campaign posters and news releases.

Tax cut campaing plans failing

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a year ago, Republican pollster Jan Van Lohuizen outlined what he called a tax cut "dilemma in a nutshell" facing his party.

When it came to dividing up the budget surplus, he wrote in a memo in November 1998, polling showed that tax cuts were the top priority for Republican voters. But among ticket splitters, whose votes are critical for party success, they were "the least popular choice." Taking care of Social Security ranked first.

The dilemma is now at work in the crucible of a presidential campaign, to the detriment of George W. Bush — the man with the much bigger tax cut — and to the benefit of Sen. John McCain, who is attracting thousands of independent voters to his side.

"There's no doubt that the whole issue of tax cutting does not resonate like it did in the 1980s," says Ari Fleischer, a spokesman for Bush's campaign. "In a time of a strong economy people are less focused on their wallet than they were in the early 1980s."

In other words, a candidate can't just say "my tax cut is bigger than your tax cut" and expect results.

House panel criticizes anthrax plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The program to inoculate all 2.4 million American military personnel against anthrax as protection against biological warfare is based on "a paucity of science" and should be suspended, a House panel says in a report sharply critical of the Defense Department.

The anthrax vaccine should be considered experimental because its effectiveness against biological warfare is uncertain and the safety of troops taking the anthrax shots is not being monitored adequately, according to the report released today by the House Government Reform national security subcommittee.

"At best, the vaccine provides some measure of protection to most who receive it," says a draft of the report obtained by The Associated Press. "Just how much protection is acquired, by whom, for how long ... are questions the Defense Department answers with an excess of faith but a paucity of science."

A Defense Department spokesman, Jim Turner, said Wednesday that Pentagon officials were reviewing the congressional recommendations.

"Plagued by uncertain supplies, uncertain safety and unproven efficacy against the anthrax threat, the mandatory, force-wide immunization program should be suspended until the Department of Defense gets approval to use an improved vaccine," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., chairman of the subcommittee.

Inter Society Council springs back to life

By Ashley Lee '02
NEWS WRITER

Unless you are in a sorority or a fraternity, you probably have never heard of the Inter Society Council. You soon will. The ISC serves as a student governing body for all of the societies.

"The ISC is the student assembly of Greek life," explained Bill Piontek, President of the ISC.

It consists of at least two members from each society and has an executive board. At the head of the executive board is Bill Piontek, AD brother and president. Beverly Low, Director of Student Activities, is the advisor to the ISC. The ISC has established a number of goals. They include: improved relations and communication between societies and the rest of the Hamilton students and faculty, the development of a voice for the societies among the administration, the establishment of a governing body for the societies, which includes certain rules and regulations, and an increase in leadership training.

Until recently, however, the ISC has not been a force on campus. Low explained that after the Residential Life decision a breech grew between the College and the societies. They had lost trust in the college, and out of this came an unwillingness to cooperate. Thus, the ISC fizzled. Now, it seems that the societies have realized that the college is here to help them survive and they are willing to cooperate. The past semester was spent revising the ISC's constitution. It was labeled the "blue print process." During this time, members worked to revise the old constitution. "The main ideas stayed the same, but some of the wording and details were changed," Piontek explained.

It was during this "blue print process" that Piontek established himself as a leader. Low emphasized his dedication, "He never missed a meeting."

Low furthered her confidence in Piontek's presidential abilities, "He has excellent leadership skills and I look forward to working with him."

Piontek has only been in office for a short time, but already he has determined some of his own personal goals. He plans to focus on improving the relationship between the societies and the rest of the Hamilton Community. He plans to do so through community service events and speakers sponsored by the ISC.

"In the past, societies have wanted to do their own thing. I want them to interact with each other, other students, and the faculty." Piontek elaborated.

With pledging about to begin, this is obviously one of the front focuses for many societies. There are certain rules established by the ISC concerning pledging. The pledge must maintain a 72 G.P.A. and each pledge must attend an alcohol awareness and sexual abuse workshop. Next year there will be an information session about rush held for the societies. Piontek hopes that the ISC will be able to oversee pledging and make sure it goes smoothly. Dean Nancy Thompson explained that if disciplinary measures were taken involving a society (in regards to any misconduct, not only problems during pledging), the ISC would have a part in the determination of the judicial ruling, but ultimately, the decision is President Tobin's. Piontek also hopes to work more closely with the Judicial Board.

Both Low and Bill Piontek seem optimistic about the recent changes. Low's main goal for the ISC is "an emphasis on self regulation." She feels that over the past three years she has been too involved in the ISC and thinks it should be student run. Piontek looks to be the right leader to resuscitate the ISC. Low is "hugely optimistic about the ISC. As it looks now, it will benefit societies and the campus as a whole."

New residence hall added

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for next year is the conversion of some quads back into common areas. The housing crunch had forced Res. Life to turn lounge spaces in Major, McIntosh, Minor and Dunham into student housing. These areas should return to common spaces in the fall.

As always, some sophomores will inevitably be placed on the wait-list at the housing lottery, to be housed over the summer. This is not due to a lack of space, but to the fact that desirable options may not be available for certain sophomores. But in general, the spring rite of passage known as the housing lottery should be a bit less stressful for everyone involved.

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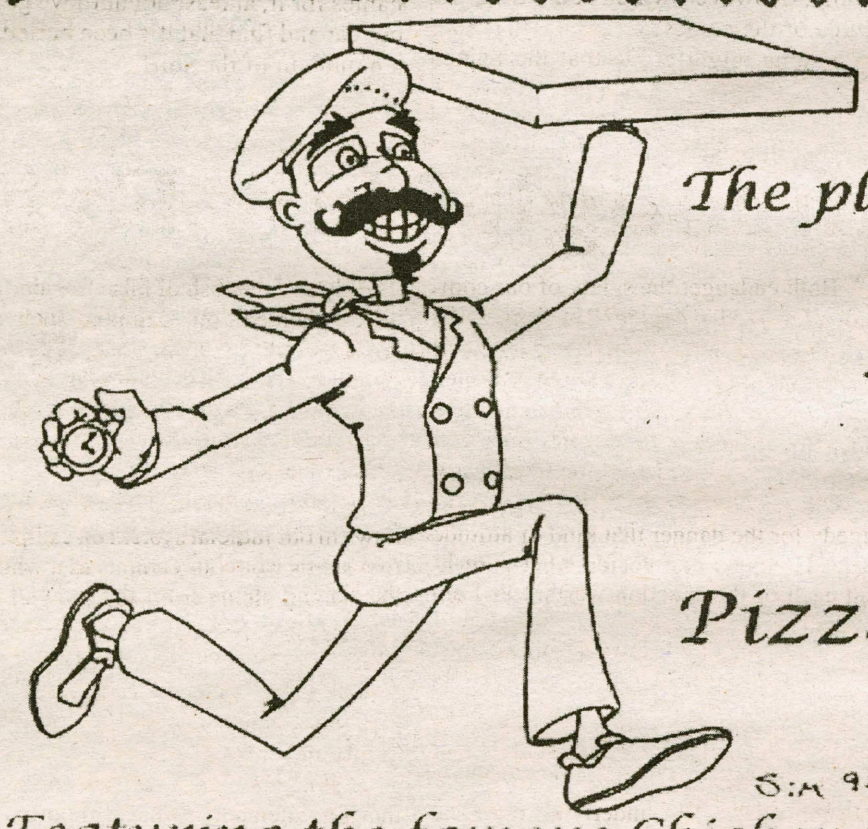

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What is it about Valentine's Day that sends everyone back to fifth grade? Deep down, we're all just sitting at our desks hoping our little boxes fill up with Scooby Doo or Rainbow Brite cards. I was always crossing my fingers for that rare Jem and the Holograms valentine (she's truly outrageous, truly, truly, truly outrageous). Not much has changed in the years since I was the chubby little kid in the Syracuse sweatpants; I'm still hoping that the Popples think I'm keen and the Transformers tell me that I'm out of sight. The weird part is that everyone seems to think the same way, but why?

JUSTIN TYLER

February fourteenth, it looms on our calendars. If you have a significant other, you brood over what to get; flowers, maybe, dinner and a movie, perhaps. How about a nice card? A fruit basket? Four tic tacs and a get out of jail free card? If you're single then it's an especially bitter holiday. You spend the day crossing your fingers for a love note in your book bag (circle yes or no) or hoping that Mr. or Ms. Right is around the corner with a box of candy and a violinist named Jean Luc. It's a survivor's holiday, not for the faint of heart.

I decided that flowers would definitely be a good start. So early Monday morning, with two other modern-day Casanovas in tow, I headed down to the faithful Clinton Florist to see about some stems. Let me tell you, it was no easy trip. The flower women down there are intimidating. They know what they're doing and if you show even a little hesitation they're going to be all over you. Before you know it, you're buying two hundred dollars worth of dillweed with an "I love my orthodontist" card on it. Be extra cautious with the baby's breath, they're really trying to push it. Baby's breath is the heroin of flowers; you think you can just try a little but all of a sudden you're selling your left lung for another "hit." We were strong down there though. We each came out with a beautiful arrangement of flowers. Plus we were lucky enough to meet an old man who asked us how we got out of school to buy flowers. We told him that we got out of social studies early but we had to be back before the fifth period bell or else we were going to get a lunch detention. I'm going to miss these high school days when they're gone.

What goes better with a nice bouquet of flowers than dinner at the Ground Round? I decided that a dinner at Carmella's did, but it was a close call. I almost sprang for a candlelight meal in the McDonald's caboose, Ronald sings a mean "Love me Tender". Apparently though, Carmella's is quite the hot spot on Valentine's day. So much so that they open up a special couples room in the back. The way it works is that you get to sit in a very small room with a whole bunch of middle aged men and women. It's a lot like looking into the future. I can't wait for the days when my wife and I go out in matching red plaid sweaters, read the newspaper at the table and then eat in silence making sure to chew each bite 32 times. Cupid, draw back your bow.

So where is all the love out there? Was watching little Sally Purple slip her Duck Tales valentine into your desk the peak of your romantic life? Should you be picking out your Valentine's day sweater already and praying that those little aligators will make a come back? No! Because for all of those couples out there who would rather snicker at *The Family Circle* than gaze into each others eyes, there is always going to be one old pair that know what they're doing. They walk in, arm in arm. He pulls out her chair, she smiles and kisses him on the cheek. You can just see the love on their faces. That's what Valentine's Day is all about. Well that and those little pink hearts that say "do me."

Snow and Cars: Enemies no Longer

It is common knowledge that in Eskimo languages, a multitude of words exist to describe the substance known to us only as snow. Most people assume that they go to such lengths to describe snow because it is a natural phenomenon that they are forced to deal with frequently. However, perhaps their enjoyment of snow came before their development of a vast body of language to describe it, rather than vice versa.

Think of our own relationship with the automobile, more conveniently referred to

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as the car. Although cars are a completely manmade product, while snow is more often a natural occurrence, for practical purposes, cars form an integral part of our habitat. The overwhelming majority of us are put inside an automobile when we are taken home from the hospital for the first time after being born. There is more money spent in this country on the automobile than on any other form of transportation, including walking. While there are a few who get by without the ability to drive a car, I doubt that there are any people in the United States who manage to live their lives without riding in a car.

People who have grown up during the last several decades have come to know cars as a phenomenon that is just as natural as snow, but far more fun. Hence, we have an inconceivable number of words to describe cars, if all the various make and model names are included as ways of describing what is essentially the same sort of thing. However, which came first, the attitude or the names?

While some might argue that the names are obviously given to cars by manufacturers in order to create greater consumer demand for them, history tells another story. Prior to the manufacturing success of Henry Ford during the 1910's and 20's, cars were only available to the most wealthy, and each one was unique by virtue of being one of the first cars on the block. The people who couldn't afford cars didn't think about the various names for them, and neither did the people who could afford them, at least not after they had bought one and set out to tour the countryside. Only through the power of the Ford assembly line did one kind of car, the Model T, become affordable to the masses in America. The Model T name lasted through two decades, an eternity in terms of modern sales pitches. During that time, a popular affinity for the automobile arose, and a lingo of affectionate nicknames arose to differentiate between personally owned Model T's, which all were identical at the time of their sale, right down to their black finish. In response to the popularity of the cars and the names given to them, companies began to give people what they wanted, which were unique products with unique names.

So, we see the possibility that our enjoyment of the automobile and our granting of many names to it came prior to the assignment of names to various models by manufacturers. Likewise, the Eskimo names for snow could be derived as a sign of enjoyment of the substance that is such a large part of their lives. After all, snow is a large part of the lives of Americans in the northeast, but we rarely create new names for it, at least not until we go out to our car and find that it's been buried under a mountain of the stuff.

Seeing the J-Board through New Eyes

To the Hamilton Community

Last semester two of my friends broke the rules. They went before J-Board and after two trials, this respected body decided to remove them from our community for a semester each. This ticked me off. Being removed from college is a big deal and at that time my opinion was that the J-Board handed out suspensions like parking tickets. The Judicial board had no concept of what it meant to have to leave our community for a semester or a year. From my uneducated viewpoint, I was tempted to sound off at J-Board and attack them for many of our campus ills. A few well placed jokes, a snide

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comment or two at the expense of Benny Mann (chair of the J-Board), Darren Block and a few other J-Board members and a perfect Gorm column was born. But I canned that column.

For once I went out and did a little investigation. I talked to Nancy Thompson and Rebecca Reed Kantorwitz, the two Deans in charge of the Judicial Board. I talked to some people who chose to remain nameless about their experiences before the board. I looked at the rules and some past J-Board summaries from *The Spec* archives. I talked to Dean Pierce about his opinion of the J-Board and I even asked my two friends who had gotten kicked out. After all of this, I reached a startling conclusion. While the Judicial Board may be flawed and I may have reservations on the specifics of certain cases, for the most part the people involved truly work in the best interest of the Hamilton community.

The Judicial Board's role is not easy. Unlike the Committee on Academic Standing, the Honor Court and the Sexual Harassment Grievance Board, the Judicial Board's responsibilities are broad and somewhat unclear. For example, both Dean Kantorwitz and Dean Thompson were unclear whether or not an assault coupled with sexual harassment would fall under the jurisdiction of the Sexual Harassment Grievance Board or the J-Board, primarily because the situation had yet to come up. The J-Board has to wade through dozens of cases a year and it's like comparing "appeals to oranges" sometimes. How do you equate a common punishment for setting off a fire alarm and drunk driving? Both endanger the safety of our community, but to what degree? The danger of a drunk driver is immediate. The danger for someone pulling a false fire alarm when there is no fire is negligible in the immediate future, but if those actions contribute to a student attitude toward ignoring fire alarms, one only needs to look at the Seton Hall Tragedy for the danger that kind of attitude poses. How can one decide what punishment each of those action warrants? I am glad I do not have to.

So the Judicial board has some real responsibilities for guarding the safety of our community. For the most part they do a good job. People know what not to do and the extreme penalties that will occur if they break the rules. The underlying rationale behind J-Board can be broken down into situational ethics, that is, how does the current infraction reflect on the safety of our community and what steps can be taken to resolve this infraction, to both educate the offender and to educate the larger community. A perfect example is the fire alarm situation. In past years a first time offender who pulled a false fire alarm would probably not be suspended. In light of the Seton Hall tragedy and the rash of false fire alarms that have 'plagued' our campus, such an offender would be suspended. The Judicial Board has to weigh the purposes of the punishment as both a deterrent to others and as a tool to help the offender to learn form his or her mistakes.

But here's the rub. There are two main flaws in our judicial system on campus. The first stems from our campus as a whole and the second stems from the judicial board. The first flaw is that we do not consider the consequences of our actions until we get into trouble. We have no vested interest, no pledge to uphold any sort of campus tranquility and order. One way to solve this is to have students sign a "social honor code", that is a statement of what is important to our community and what responsibilities everyone is obligated to abide by as a member of this community. The second flaw is that the entire process of the Judicial Board is too institutionalized. These J-Board members, while they do have the best interest of the campus in mind, sometimes can't see the forest for the trees. I think a major league reassessment of how we select the J-Board

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Editorial

Dean Thompson: We're not paying!!!

While we usually agree with Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson's policies, we cannot stand idly by without voicing concern over a recent written statement by her.

On February 16th, Thompson sent an all-campus email to the student body informing them of the amount (in dollars) of campus damage during the last semester. Thompson explained that, "Whenever possible, the student causing damage is held financially accountable and disciplinary action is taken, however, unless an act of vandalism is witnessed and reported, or the responsible party comes forward, the only fair way to recoup the cost of repair and replacement is to divide it among all students."

While we agree with Thompson in principle, we believe that students who are not responsible for damage and vandalism to Hamilton College property should not be charged money for the cost of repairs. While we sympathize with Hamilton's goal in hoping that by charging students large sums of money for damage bills, the result will somehow be a campus where students who witness acts of vandalism will come forward to report such activity at a greater rate.

Our Editorial Board is representative of every class year and almost every residence hall on campus, but we agree that forcing innocent students to pay for dorm damage when they were not directly involved in the destruction is both unfair and unjust.

However, we are not by any stretch absolving the students who are committing these ugly acts on our beautiful campus.

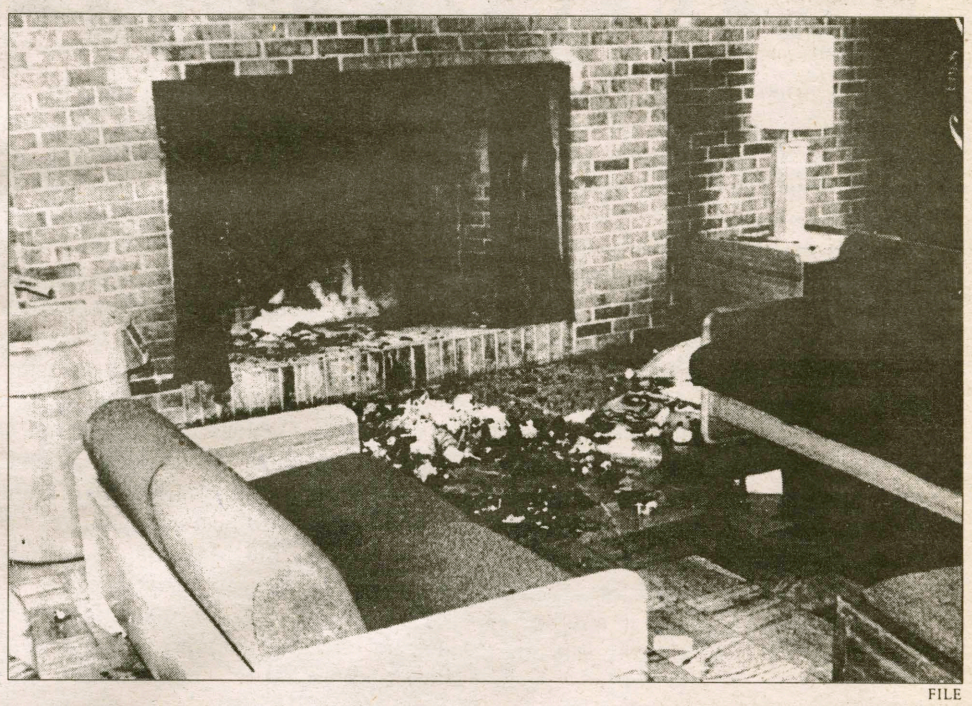
Conversely, we find it abhorrent that a small percentage of students (and it truly is a tiny part of the population), is responsible for destroying lights, breaking windows, and perpetrating other acts of vandalism on Hamilton's grounds. It is time for those in the minority to either shape up or get out. It is frustrating to the majority of law abiding students on campus that they are being charged by the College for dorm and campus damage when they had nothing remotely to do with it.

What is the best way to stop student vandals? Obviously, if one sees people committing destructive acts, they should turn over any information to Campus Safety, the Dean's Office, or the Office of Residential Life. By not alerting the proper authorities, students are only adding to the problem. The fact that many incidents go unreported to Campus Safety and the other authoritative bodies is criminal.

Unfortunately, many crimes are left unsolved and the Administration wants to blame somebody or at least hold someone responsible for the damage and incorrectly blames either: 1) the entire student body ("for general campus damage" or 2) students of certain resident halls ("the cost to repair damages in individual residence halls"). This is a solution that the Administration believes is necessary and proper. We do not.

We urge the administration to implement stiffer penalties for those caught destroying this campus. Only when tougher, stricter punishments are handed down will student vandals worry. Until that happens, people will continue to misbehave and making students or more likely their affluent families pay the cost of campus and dorm repair will not solve the problem.

We do not believe any one measure will end the vandalism completely, but if people are reprimanded severely enough there is no doubt that vandalism will be curbed somewhat.



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Letters

To the Editors and readers of *The Spectator,*

I don't write letters to *The Spec* very often. Hell, I don't read *The Spec* very often. I'm only slightly less apathetic than most of the people on campus but every once in while something really makes me angry which makes me sit down and want to say something.

Curriculum reform has not been a cause of real concern in my life. I'm a senior and graduating this year so it doesn't affect me. In fact, it doesn't affect anyone currently enrolled at Hamilton which is, to my mind, the reason that no one cares. It's hard to expect student input and awareness of an issue that will at most affect younger siblings. But that isn't what really made me angry. What forced me to speak out are the letters that Margaret Thickstun and Jack Spangler wrote in response to an editorial I admittedly didn't read. They were offended by the Spectator's accusation that there has been no student input into this issue and both cited that representatives have attended the meetings of CAP. I don't doubt that this is true but a student "observer" (quoting Jack Spangler) doesn't constitute student input. Input means voicing an opinion and having that opinion count. Anyone is allowed to attend faculty meetings, I've been told, but you're not allowed to SPEAK. That is not input.

Recently we received an all campus e-mail regarding this from Steve Guditus. This e-mail presented three options and urged that the community vote on them. There was a rebuttal by Jeff Williams requesting that people boycott the vote because it had no student input. I'm not naive. I'm aware that if there was a student committee on curriculum reform and an all-campus e-mail asking for volunteers there would be very few responses but I have to agree with Jeff that the 1, 2, 3 approach was useless. The same, more or less regulations tells us very little. What kind of restrictions? How hard would they be? Would they be like the ethics requirement where all you have to do is get your advisor to agree that it was an ethical class? (I would have loved to take an ethics class but Hamilton doesn't have one, I always thought that was funny).

Well, I applaud you for reading this far. Enjoy the rest of brunch.

Jennifer Knapp, '00

To the editors,

Today, Tuesday Feb 15th, students received in their mailbox a "Spectro Derm" from the Student Health Services. The one I got expired on Feb 1, 2000, and so did many others. Does the Health Center expect us to use expired products as a way to keep us healthy? Or this is their generosity over expired soap and cleansers?

Concerned,
Ngoc Do '00

LETTERS
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To the Editor:

Just recently, the Curricular Reform committee of Student Assembly was formed, in order to discuss the problems and issues associated with curricular reform. Since we only last week found out about the specific decisions that were going to be made by the faculty, we decided it would be best to open the lines of communication. Communication is lacking in many areas of our campus, and we are trying to open it. As many of you may know, there was an allstudent email sent out, requesting students to choose option 1, 2, or 3 to a question of curricular reform options. A simple "1, 2, or 3" may have been less than ideal, but it was more ideal than brushing the entire idea of curricular reform under the carpet. The way I see it, there were only two choices at that point in time for the Student Assembly. We could either increase student knowlege and attempt to get a student opinion, or we could brush it under the carpet, and allow the faculty to not even realize students have an opinion, the latter choice being by far the easier option. The Student Assembly decided to attempt to increase student knowledge about the subject and get an opinion from students. One could either choose to vote, or to complain about the process and not vote. I am not condoning the lateness of a student opinion and vote, but as soon as the basics were found out, a vote had to occur quickly, in order to inform the faculty effectively. 322 students voted (about 20%). I appreciate those who were willing to voice their opinion, because the faculty did read the information and were at the very least knowledgeable about student opinion. While only 20% of the student body voted, those who did vote hopefully will have an impact on the future of Hamilton.

The content of the vote is not necessarily the issue; the issue is that Hamilton needs to open up the lines of communication. Some may want to shut down communication by boycotting a vote, while others want dialogue to occur. It is a sad fact that some people just sit and complain about this issue being unfair and a mockery of the student body, yet I do not see those unhappy complainers actively doing anything to enhance Hamilton's communication or knowledge about the subject. Everyone on this campus should be actively trying to increase communication between all members of our community. The uproar that is occurring on this campus is just a function of lack of communication. While there are some people who are making large efforts to communicate with all aspects of our campus, there is still much room for improvement. Many of us speak of increasing communication, yet nothing truly is done. Let us make a commitment to opening dialogue, active discussion, and the lines of communication between all areas of our campus.

Sincerely,

Steve Guditus '01

THE BURR-OMETER

Keeping tabs on Hamilton College's mistakes, flubs and general boo-boos

This Week: Spectro-Derm: Rancid, yet Tingly

Sometimes you just have to wonder what's going through people's heads. This past Tuesday, when the student body opened their mailboxes they found something rather bizarre. No, not another CAB calendar, but instead a small bottle of Spectro-Derm facial cleanser with a "Compliments of Student health Services" sticker plastered on the front. It seemed innocent enough, a Valentine's Day gift from our friends at the health center, but upon closer examination one may notice that most of the bottles of Spectro-Derm had expired on Febuary 1st.

The Health Center doesn't have the greatest reputation on this campus as it is. Many students avoid seeking treatment there due to a lack of faith in their diagnoses, for example, a salt water gargle for throat abcesses or a good night's sleep for a concussion. However, this campus-wide foray into foolishness catapults them into a whole new realm. What would posess them to hand out hundreds of bottles of an expired product? Did someone leave a box of these facial cleanser bottles on their doorstep? Is this some botched attempt at improving public relations?

I personally don't know what the effects of using this product would be. Maybe there wouldn't be any at all, but Spectro-Derm put that experiation date on there for a reason. On Febuary 1st something in those bottles went sour, whether the Health Center knew it or not. If you die at least you'll have clean pores. You might just get a little facial tick, nothing wrong with that, they're fun at parties.

So what can we learn from this? The student body learned that Aunt Agnes' cookies aren't the only rancid thing in our mailboxes anymore. Hopefully the Health Center learned that health care doesn't end with condoms. If nothing else, they learned that Hamilton students still have good eyes.

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Weekend Horoscopes

For the week of February 18, 2000

Capricorn (December 21- January 19)
Black candles and Britney Spears will be your keys to finding love this weekend.
Your lucky band this weekend: Wham

Aquarius (January 20 - February 17)
Try to make time for yourself this weekend and get any unfinished business you may have hanging around out of the way.
Your lucky activity this weekend: A bubblebath

Pisces (February 18 - March 19)
It may be tough keeping track of all of your commitments, purchasing a calendar will make your life a little more stable and organized.
Your lucky activity this weekend: Sleeping

Aries (March 20 - April 19)
Your life has changed and there have been developments, a case of déjà vu maybe?
Your lucky person this weekend: An Alum

Taurus (April 20 - May 19)
If you feel the need for a change in the way you look, think twice before taking the scissors into your own hands.
Your lucky fish this weekend: Trout

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
Keep the hormones in check this weekend and things will work themselves out.
Your lucky cartoon this weekend: Digimon

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
Kick back, relax and enjoy the ride, the sun will soon shine reminding you of warmer times unless you think you are the comedian, then life is always good.
Your lucky accessory this weekend: An orange bag

Leo (July 22 - August 22)
Your hard work and perseverance have finally paid off. However, remember that caring for a human is harder than caring for an animal, but you can do it.
Your lucky piece of clothing this weekend: Someone else's hat

Virgo (August 23 - September 21)
Try taking a visual journey this weekend to relax and find yourself.
Your lucky car this weekend: A Cab

Libra (September 22 - October 22)
Time flies when you are having fun, but remember to make sure that you keep certain kinds of fun behind closed doors for your sake and for the sakes of those around you.
Your lucky video game this weekend: Tony Hawk

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
A good working knowledge of physics will be helpful in your quest for pimpdom.
Your lucky activity this weekend: Swimming

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 20)
You are the master of planning fun group activities, anything you touch turns to excitement.
Your lucky pet this weekend: Mr. Bigglesworth

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should be considered. I for one propose that the J-Board be a mixed committee of permanent elected members and randomly selected members from the community (new community members for each case-Hamilton Jury duty if you will). Any community member could turn down their appointment if they so choose. I also think that the J-board should delegate a student member of their board to serve as a non-voting public defender of sorts, who represent the interests of the student accused in addition to that studen'ts faculty advisor and selected student representative. These are just some ideas.

Well, there you have it. Not a single joke in there. Just an honest assessment of one man's feelings about a campus organ. Funny how much you can learn when you do some research. Perhaps I should take that to heart. Nahhhh.

Sincerely Yours.
W. J. "Sam Clemens" Gormley

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Science in the News

Women in the sciences

The history, at Hamilton and in the world, of women underrepresented and marginalized in the scientific community.

By Annie Toth '02
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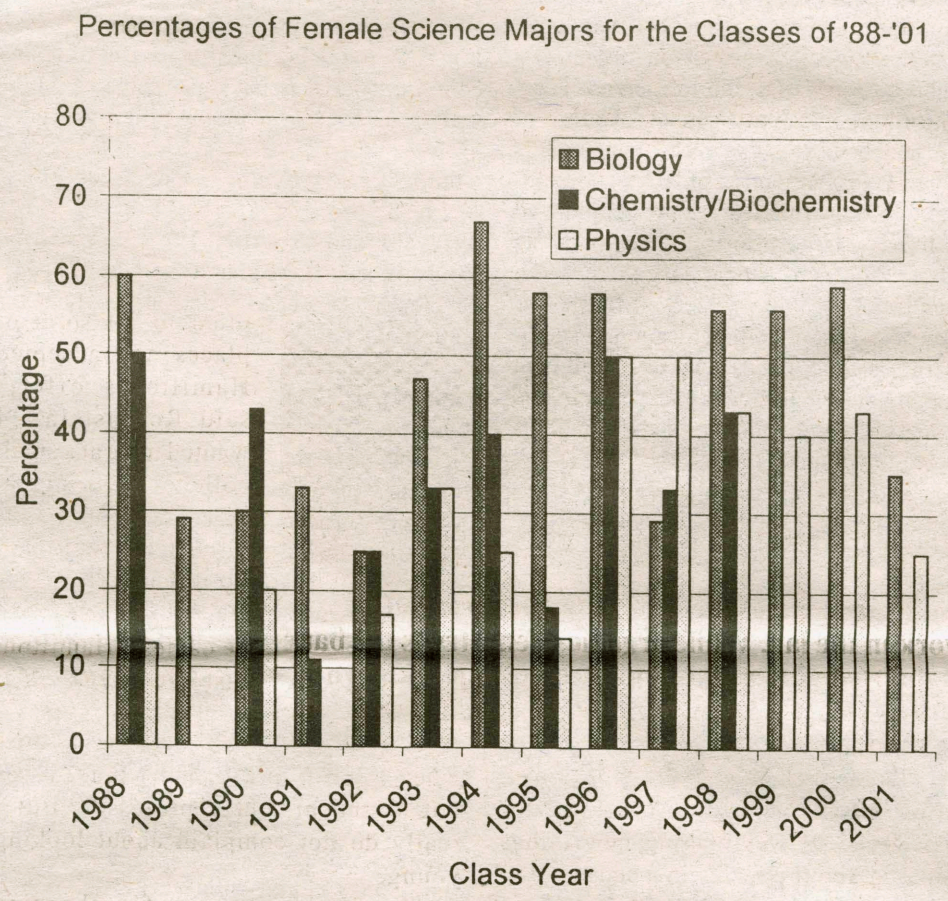
We have all heard of Galileo, Einstein, and Darwin. These are the men who spent their lives devising theorems and making discoveries that would forever change the way we view our universe. They are the heroes of the past, and their contributions to science are immeasurable.

A question immediately arises, however, when we make lists of history's great scientists: Why can we think of so many males but so few females? Isaac Asimov's *Biographical Encyclopedia of Science and Technology*, for example, describes the lives of 1,195 scientists; of this number, only 10 are women. The reason is that women were not always allowed to participate in certain academic pursuits, and discoveries made by women were often ignored and left out of history books.

A few women have, nevertheless, proven to be of great importance to science. Two examples are Marie Curie, who discovered a number of radioactive elements and succeeded in purifying the element radium, and Barbara McClintock, who discovered jumping genes. These women never achieved the status of Einstein or Galileo, but their work had tremendous influence on the world of science.

Another famous example is Rosalind Franklin. Franklin was one of the chief technicians working with James Watson and Francis Crick, the scientists who in 1953 first discovered the structure of DNA. While the Watson and Crick were praised in newspapers and textbooks, it was actually Franklin who conducted most of the critical experiments and produced the evidence that eventually won them a Nobel Prize.



More and more women have been receiving college degrees over the last several decades, and the number of females interested in science at the undergraduate level has also increased.

For comparison, the percentage of female biology, chemistry/biochemisty, and physics majors was calculated between 1988 to 2001 (some data not available at press time). Women have the percentage of female biology majors was almost always more than fifty. The percentage of female physics majors increased over the 13 year span. (Further research revealed that during the 1970's, there was not a single female physics major at Hamilton.)

Admittedly this data does not take into account several important factors, such as the number of people per major, and the percentages of female majors in other sciences (e.g. psychology, geology, and computer science). Nevertheless, it constitutes evidence of the increase in female undergraduates interested in science, and perhaps society's increased support of women in science as well.

However, women continue to face discrimination at the upper levels of education, as an article in the March 13, 1999 issue of the *New York Times* revealed. The article, entitled "M.I.T. Acknowledges Bias Against Female Professors," reported incidents of discrimination such as small numbers of tenured female professors compared to males, and the tendency of men to ignore women's comments at faculty meetings.

An article in the November 12, 1999 issue of *Science* entitled "Tenured Women Battle to Make It Less Lonely at the Top" reported that the number of women professors of science and engineering has increased over the past 25 years, but have barely changed at the nations top research universities.

Who will be tomorrow's heroes in science? Statistics show that at the undergraduate level, society is encouraging more and more women to pursue scientific careers. However, recent publications reveal that at the upper levels of education, women continue to face discrimination and are not gaining status at all. If women continue to be kept from achieving at the top, will things change in the future?

The writer wishes to thank Professors Jinnie Garrett of the Biology department, Philip Pearle of Physics, and Karen Brewer of Chemistry for their help in locating information and statistics for this article, as well as Charity D. Scripture '96, whose senior thesis was used for statistics.

The diet debate: veggie-ism or meat

By Gregory Costanza '02
GUEST WRITER

If you are health conscience, careful about your weight and intent on feeling good, then you must have asked yourself about your diet. Are these fries good for me? Do I need extra protein when I work out? Or maybe you have thought about becoming a vegetarian. What are the health benefits of vegetarian verses meat based diets? Is one better than the other?

Both diets have their good and their bad points. Vegetarians, a loose category of people who generally abstain from at least red meat and obtain most of their protein from meat alternatives like beans, dairy, nuts and sometimes fish, choose this eating habit for various reasons.

"Some believe that we should not kill animals to eat their meat. Some people are upset when livestock are treated inhumanely in feedlots and slaughterhouses," say nutri-

Listen to your body and don't over do anything; seek moderation.

tion experts Frances Sizer and Eleanor Whitney, co-authors of a new book on vegetarian and meat diets. Others site environmental reasons, while many people simply think a vegetarian diet is healthier.

The benefits of a vegetarian diet are backed by strong scientific evidence. Some of the benefits include the tendency towards a healthy body weight, lower blood pressure, lower rates of heart disease and cancer, digestive disorders and diabetes. But this statistical evidence must be understood in the context of why and how these benefits occur.

Vegetarians tend to be leaner in body weight because their diet is often low in saturated fat, high in fiber, and abundant in fresh fruits and vegetables. Health-conscious vegetarians also tend to exercise more. This may help explain their lower rates of heart disease and high blood pressure. The evidence about cancer, however, is quite interesting.

There have been numerous studies on Seventh-Day Adventists, a group of health-

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The Guru of organic

Professor Ian Rosenstein makes the impossible a little more manageable.

By Sinan Misirli '03
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Organic chemistry, probably the most dreaded course on campus, is taught by one of the youngest, friendliest and most approachable professors, chemistry professor Ian Rosenstein.

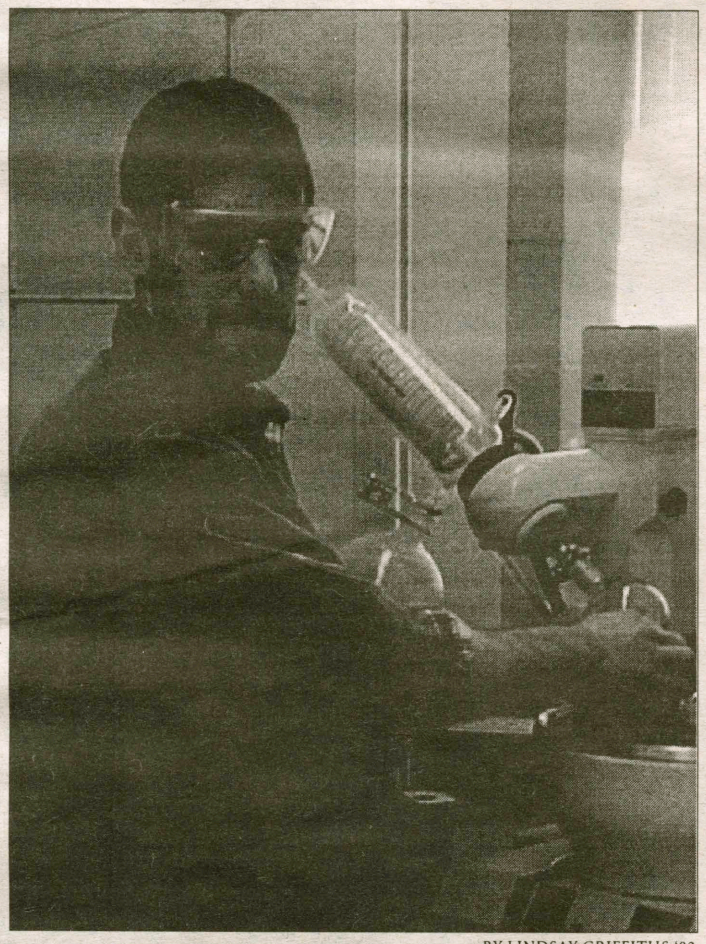
Rosenstein, whose parents were both teachers, was born in New York City. His family soon moved to Rutgers, NJ where they lived for two years prior to moving Chicago. "Chicago was the place that I really spent my childhood, where I started school," said Rosenstein.

Having skipped the eighth grade, after high school he was admitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the young age of 16. "Throughout high school and college I was always younger than my classmates, which enabled me to do certain things at an earlier age," he said modestly.

He started his education at MIT with a totally different profession in mind: aeronautical engineering. "I enjoyed physics and math as much as I did chemistry and therefore wanted to become an engineer, but in my sophomore year, I changed my mind and decided that I wanted to go on with chemistry."

I had some tough times when I had to prove that I was not a student.

He took all sorts of chemistry classes at MIT but he was thrilled by organic chemistry, and his professors were "phenomenal."



BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Ian Rosenstein of the Chemistry department at work in the lab. While organic chemistry is the bane of many students' existence, Rosenstein is known for his ability to teach orgo's difficult concepts.

"Organic chemistry was new and exciting," Rosenstein said in an interview last week. "It was making new things, thinking about puzzles in a sense."

Organic chemistry is the study of carbon-based chemistry. It is required for majors in many of the sciences and mandatory for medical school. It is feared by students because it has a reputation for being very difficult. Still, carbon is essential to life on earth, so most sciences require an intimate understanding of organic chemistry.

Studying orgo requires students to master new and different concepts, much like a new language. The details of how chemicals bond together to give life different shapes and functions are complicated. Understanding these interactions often requires students to think three-dimensionally. Rosenstein has a reputation for his ability to communicate these difficult principles in a unique way.

He went on to Duke, where he spent five years on his graduate studies and doctorate, and another year teaching and researching.

"After graduating from Duke, I applied to all sorts of places and accepted Hamilton's offer," said Rosenstein. "I wanted to be at a small college environment where teaching was as respected as high quality research."

He was 26 when he came to Hamilton, just a few years older than the seniors. "I had some tough times when I had to prove that I indeed was not a student, but a professor. But I really do not complain about looking young."

As for his reasons for choosing Hamilton, he listed a variety of things: better atmosphere, facilities and research quality. However the most influential aspect of the college, he says, was the people; both the students and his colleagues in the chemistry department.

This is his sixth year at Hamilton and he says that he is perfectly satisfied with everything here, adding that almost everybody tries to learn, to get something out of the classes, even the non-chemistry majors. He works closely with students, some of whom help with his research. Al Albano '00 is currently doing his senior seminar with Rosenstein.

Rosenstein's research investigates chemical reactions that involve highly unstable compounds called free radicals. A free radical is simply a molecule with an extremely reactive lone electron. He uses free radicals as intermediates in reactions that are strategically designed to control the three-dimensional orientations of atoms in certain molecules.

Understanding the behavior of radicals can be important in the creation and manipulation of biologically significant compounds. He added that his research has been successful lately and is proceeding at a good pace.

Rosenstein looks forward to the new science building, saying that it will not only give more space for professors to do their research, but will also pull more science-oriented students to Hamilton. Yet he still likes Hamilton as it is, a warm community with determined students.

In 1999, Rosenstein was awarded the John R. Hatch excellence in teaching award. "It is nice to get respect for the work and time you put in from your own students and colleagues," he said. "It is a reward in itself."

When asked about his future plans, he said that he cannot know what the next day will bring to his life. He is content with his position here and he is enjoying upstate New York with his wife and four-and-a-half year old daughter, Hannah. When he is free of chemistry and other work, he likes to watch birds and play hockey.

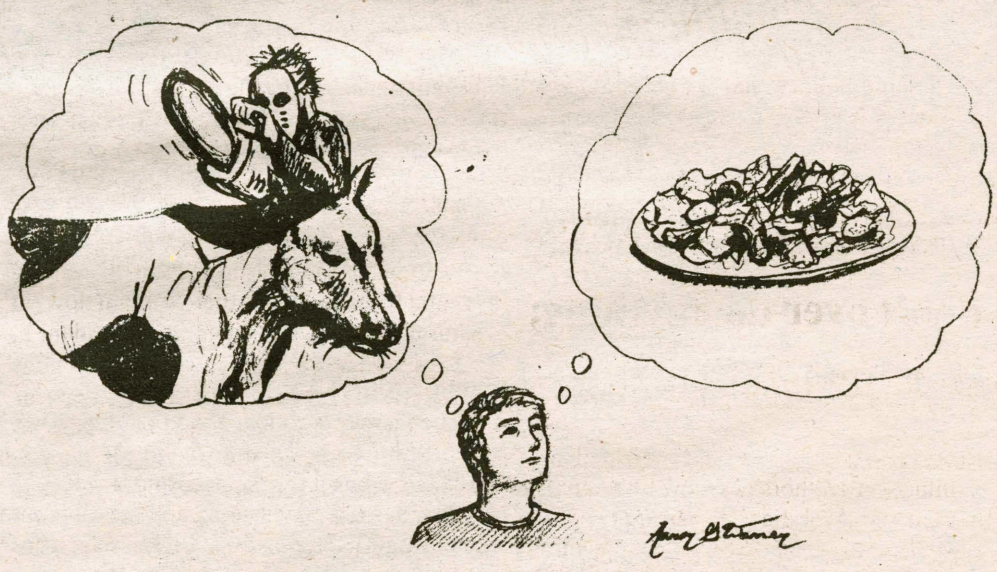
Rosenstein added that he wished he could go to some baseball games once in a while, but other than that, has no objections to living in such a rural area. "I like the school and the people here and I am happy to be a part of this community."

*from **diet debate**, previous page*

conscious vegetarians who appear to enjoy significantly lower rates of cancer than the general population. Again, researchers credit their low meat, high fruit and vegetable diet.

Overall, a well-rounded vegetarian diet may be beneficial to your health, but there are some things to be careful of. First, vegetarian diets that exclude dairy products might lack adequate amounts of calcium. Green vegetables like kale and broccoli can supplement this, or calcium fortified orange juice and soymilk. Vegetarians must also be careful to supply their diets with adequate amounts of vitamin B12. This can be found in eggs, fortified cereals and nutritional yeast.

Research suggests that vegetarian diets are usually adequate in protein. All in all, with careful menu planning and a variety of nutrient rich foods, a vegetarian can achieve a healthy lifestyle.



It would be unfair, however, not to point out some of the benefits of a meat-based diet. These include adequate amounts of iron, vitamin B12, vitamin D, protein and calcium, not to mention a more convenient food source away from home. Especially during human development, meat based diets can more easily supply needed nutrients, increase growth rates and prevent malnourishment.

Which is the better diet? My advice would be to seek a balance. Fish is an excellent source of protein, omega-3 fatty acids and is usually lower in fat than beef and pork. Keep your diet well rounded, stressing a variety of protein sources (including eggs), fruits, vegetables and grains. Try to avoid too many sweets, soda, and saturated fats (often found in processed foods like TV dinners). Listen to your body and don't overdue anything; seek moderation.

Finally, read and investigate for yourself, and find out what's right for you. There is no right way, because everyone is different.

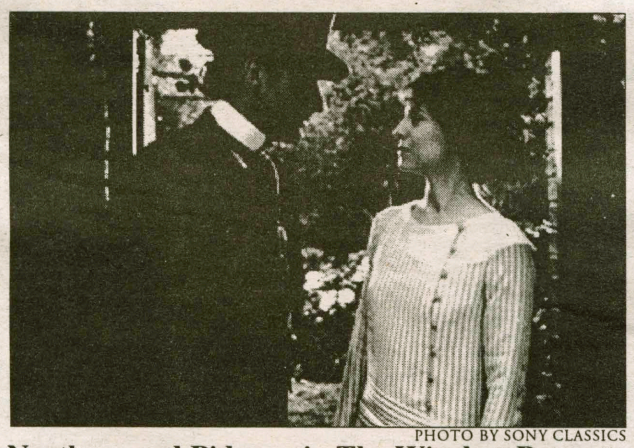
Arts & Entertainment

Olney's Picks

The A&E editor's top 10 movies of the year

10.WinslowBoy

Film and stage legend David Mamet brings to the screen the story of a man who challenges the crown. Based on an actual incident, the film, set in 1912, traces a trivial scandal that blows up into a saga. When Arthur Winslow (Nigel Hawthorne), a London banker, learns that his 13-year-old son Ronnie (Guy Edwards) has been booted out of the prestigious Osbourne Naval College for stealing a five-shilling postal note. He decides to fight the verdict with all his resources. Robert Morton (Jeremy Northam), a witty poker-faced attorney takes the case and once the media gets their hands on it, there is no turning back. Mamet is a master of dialogue and the films subtle deception keeps the audience on the edge of their seats. Great acting from Nigel Hawthorne, Northam and Rebecca Pidgeon (Mamet's real life love) make this film one of the years best.



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Northam and Pidgeon in The Winslow Boy.

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Soap stars Jay Mohr and Scott Wolf steam up Go.

9. Go

Teeny-bop films flooded the screens in 1999 (*10 Things I Hate About You*, *Teaching Mrs. Tingle*, *Drive Me Crazy*, etc.), so when Doug Liman took John August's script to the theaters, it was a refreshing sight. A cast of talented young actors, including Sarah Polley, Timothy Oliphant, Katie Holmes, Jay Mohr and Taye Diggs, star in this original, edgy comedy that explores the underground scene in Los Angeles. *Go* is told from the off-center, drugged up perspectives of three parties involved in the outrageous events that surround a botched drug deal: a duo of down-on-their-luck supermarket checkout girls, a pair of soap opera actors and a British outcast-all of whom discover they are in way over their heads. This film proves that teenagers can act if given a good script and an innovative director who is willing to get a little creative.

8. The Dreamlife Of Angels

This film about friendship and human condition won multiple awards at the Cannes Film Festival, including co-Best Actress awards for the film's two stars: Elodie Bouchez and Natacha Regnie. Bouchez and Regnie play Isa and Marie, two women in search of friendship, stability and a little bit of fun. We come to find as the story progresses that the more passive Marie can have neither. As she falls in love with a chauvanistic night club owner, she pushes away everyone in her life, including Isa. Loneliness permeates their lives until it pushes Marie over the edge. Filled with emotions, *The Dreamlife of Angels* is a sad look at how loneliness can replace happiness, and love does not always conquer. This is the charming first feature from writer-director Erick Zonca, and his impressionable evocation of the unglamorized everyday details of female friendship.

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Eloodie Bouchez and Natacha Regnie in Dreamlife.

7. Bringing Out The Dead

Martin Scorcese and writer Paul Schraeder, who created masterpeices like *Raging Bull* and *Taxi Driver*, team up yet again in the making of *Bringing Out The Dead*. Nicholas Cage stars as Frank Pierce, a stressed out paramedic who finally reaches his breaking point. This film lets us into the world of the paramedic who is deteriorating faster than the bodies he is trying to save. Set in New York City, Scorcese takes this script and brings it to a whole new level with masterful camera angles and inventive directing. Cage proves he still has what it takes, and the supporting cast of John Goodman, Tom Sizemore, Ving Rhames and Patricia Arquette bring some much needed comic relief to this depressing look at a city on the run.

6. Being John Malkovich

One of the most original films of the year is *Being John Malkovich*. It stars John Cusak as Craig Schwartz, a down and out puppeteer who brings his quick hands to the seven and a half floor of a New York City building as a filer for a small company named LesterCorp. There he finds behind a cabinet a porthole that takes him into the head of actor John Malkovich. From there the film takes many twists and turns as Craig makes a business out of his findings with Maxine (Catherine Keener), a beautiful woman he meets at work. This screenplay has no formal structure, but Spike Jonze makes it work with surprising rhythm. Incredible performances by Cusak, Malkovich as himself and Cameron Diaz as Schwartz's workaholic pet store employee wife stand out in this wacky and unconventional film. Being John Malkovich will be on many top ten lists.

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John Cusak and Catherine Keener chat on the 71/2

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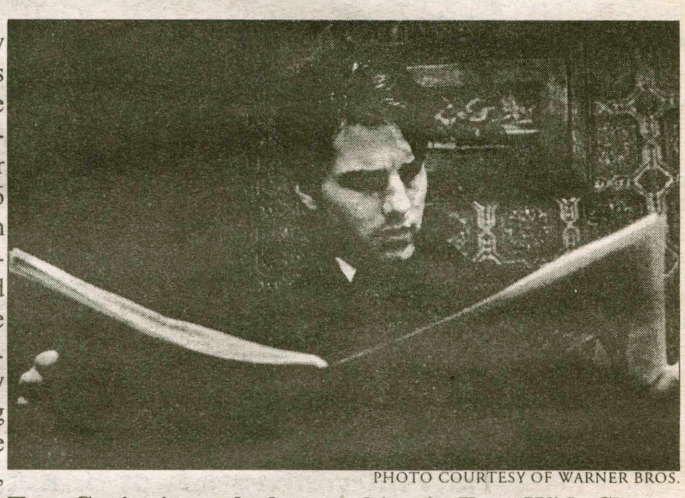
Potente and Bliebtreu run for their lives in Run Lola Runs

5. Run Lola Run

Who said you need million dollar explosions to make a good action picture. I saw *Wild Wild West*, *8MM* and *The World Is Not Enough*, but none of these films, despite their outrageous budgets (tens of millions of dollars), had the action or adrenaline rush of *Lola*. The premise of the film is this: Lola (Franka Potente) has 20 minutes to get 100,000 deutsche Marks for her drug-runner boyfriend Manni (Moritz Bliebtreu). With the use of signposts, the film has three scenarios of possible outcomes. *Run Lola Run* craftily mixes animation with real-life filming to create a surreal effect. Don't be repelled by the fact that this film is foreign. It is easy to follow and visually stunning to look at. Lola is action packed without cheesy acting and repetitive explosions.

4. Eyes Wide Shut

It puzzles me to this day why critics and audiences did not give this film the praise and respect that it deserves. Taken from Arthur Schnitzler's 1926 ''Traumnovelle'' (''Dream Story''), *Eyes Wide Shut* explores the unforbidden and longings of humanity. The film stars Tom Cruise as Dr. William Harford, a wealthy doctor who, upon hearing of his wife's (Nicole Kidman) illicit fantasies, roams the streets of New York City, lonely and fervid. Stanley Kubrick is the ultimate at delving into the unexplored. He did it with *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *Dr. Strangelove* and *A Clockwork Orange*. He does it again in Eyes Wide Shut, exploring untouched human fantasies. Though the film loses some of its Victorian feel in the adaptation from Traumaville to present day New York City, the emotions are ever present, and were overlooked by many. In time, people will come around and learn to appreciate Stanley Kubrick's last odyssey.



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Tom Cruise is ready for anything in Eyes Wide Shut.

3. The Insider

The Insider is a clear example of how the box office has no bearing on the quality of a film. Films like *Double Jeopardy* make hundreds of millions of dollars but have no substance, while a film so deep and rich like *The Insider* makes less than 50 million. In the people's defense, it was long and the topic may bore some, but I was absorbed the whole way through. *The Insider* stars Russell Crowe as Jeffrey Wigand, a scientist who comes out against the tobacco industry and accuses them of knowing the health dangers of cigarettes, but hiding the facts from the public. Al Pacino plays Lowell Bergman, a "60 Minutes" producer who sticks by Wigand as he gets screwed by both the tobacco and television industry. The cinematography is the best of the year, and Michael Mann (*Heat*)

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does an incredible job of directing. Crowe, who is nominated for Best Actor in this years Oscars, does an excellent job as well. The Insider really brings us into the "inside" of the television production through the investigation of this controversial topic.

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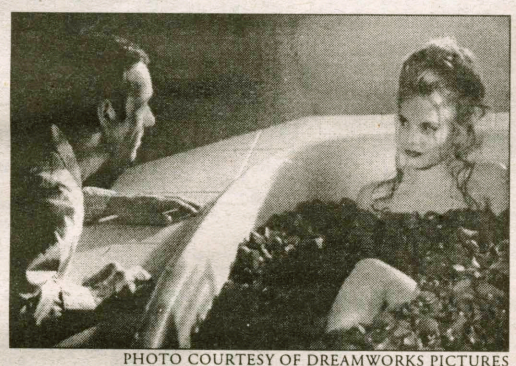
Reilly and Walters in Magnolia.

2. Magnolia

The place and the cast are nearly identical to Paul Thomas Anderson's last film *Boogie Nights*, but the subject and script are much more advanced. Anderson studies the lives of several characters in seven different stories that all come together in the end like Robert Altman's *Short Cuts*. *Magnolia* looks at human fallacies, anger, remorse, love and forgiveness through each of the dynamic characters in the film. Though it jumps around from story to story, it moves in a nice rhythm thanks to a solid screenplay and wonderful music by Aimee Mann. Anderson is very clever in inserting biblical messages, and they really relate to the story as a whole. Excellent performances include John C. Reilly's, Julianne Moore's, Melora Walter's and, of course, Oscar nominated Tom Cruise's.

1. American Beauty

It isn't often that I agree with the Academy in picking the best film of the year, but this year the decision is anonymous. *American Beauty* is the best film of the year and it will probably win the Oscar, as will Sam Mendes for Best Director. The theme running through this film is that nothing is what it appears. The Burnham family, Lester (Kevin Spacey), Carolyn (Annette Benning) and daughter Jane (Thora Birch) are a typical suburban family to their friends and neighbors, but Mendes and Alan Ball's screenplay show us more than what others see. Lester, who is sick of his dead-end job, quits to work at a fast food restaurant, lift weights and gawks at his daughter's freinds. Carolyn is jealous of her real-estate rival so she sleeps with him and Jane is freaked out by her not-so-normal parents so she pushes herself farther away by smoking pot and sleeping with her neighbor Ricky (Wes Bently). This film not only questions the "normal family" but also questions beauty. Is it sultry Angela (Mena Suvari) bathing in rose pedals or is it a plastic bag being helplessly suspended in the air by the wind in the parking lot of a grocery store? Whatever your opinion of beauty is, I think you will agree with me that *American Beauty* is a wonderful film.



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In American Beauty Kevin Spacey fantasizes over Mena Suvari.

Samples to Play Annex

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By Matt Olney'01
A&E EDITOR

Only days after bringing Ben Harper and Guster to the Stanley Theater, CAB, as part of their Feb Fest Winter Carnival are bringing The Samples, with Percy Hill to the Hill. Based in Colorado, Sean Kelly, Andy Shelton, Jeep MacNichol, Al Laughlin and Charles Hableton formed in 1987, calling themselves the Samples because they lived off free samples at a local King Soopers supermarket. They began playing cover songs at local bars and frat houses, but in 1989, they released a self-titled album and were signed by Arista records. Their span with Arista was short, and their second album, entitled Underwater People was released on their own label. In 1992, The Samples signed with What Are You Records? and released their third album No Room. For the next 18 months, they toured the nation, making stops at Red Rocks and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. In 1993, they joined the H.O.R.D.E Festival and then hit the studio to release their fourth album The Last Drag.

1994 brought The Samples back to the studio yet again, this time releasing Autopilot. In 1995, The Samples broke away from What Are You Records? and joined MCA Records to do their next album Outpost, which was released in July of 1996. They toured that summer with Jars Of Clay.

Since then, The Samples, now with new additions Kenny James, Alex Matson and Rob Somers, have been touring and making new music. Now they are ready to rock the Beineke Annex Saturday night.

Percy Hill, opening for The Samples, is a quartet featuring keyboards, guitar, bass and drums. Primarily a performing band, Percy Hill has only two albums released. However, after touring both the east and west coasts, the band is beginning to gain a following. They have a sound similar to Steely Dan, Stevie Wonder and Paul Simon with a hint of Jazz and funk. In concert, they stay away from the studio sound and simply jam for extended periods of time. Improvisation and new sounds highlight Percy Hill, a great opening act for the Samples.

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Saturday, February 19 4-6 PM

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CAB Presents

Samples with Percey Hill
Saturday, February 19 8:00 PM

Performing Arts at Hamilton

The Ying Quartet
The Ying Quartet, including Timothy and Janet Ying, violins; Phillip Ying, viola; and David Ying, cello, formed the Quartet in 1988. They have won numerous awards in their brief existance, including the prestigious Naumburg Chamber Music Award. The Ying Quartet will be playing in Wellin Hall on Sunday, February 20 at 3:00 PM. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Performing Arts ticket office at (315) 859-4331.

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Squash faces fierce competition

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

The men's and women's squash teams hit a skid over the weekend on their road to Nationals, with both succumbing to an overpowering Bowdoin team, 9-0.

Bowdoin, ranked ninth in the country, made the match an uphill battle from the get-go for the women's team. Further handicapping the Continentals was the continued loss of superstar Amanda "Checkers" Chaimovitch '00, who has been injured for much of the season. The team fought a tough and long battle, only to be shut out of the match.

Azure Davey '00 commented, "Bowdoin is a remarkable team, and we learned from competing at such a high level. Going into the Howe Cup we will be in a different division, a division we are very capable winning. Hopefully, we will bring a national championship title home to Hamilton."

Coach Bill Austin continues to be optimistic on the season, looking to the Howe Cup this weekend at Yale to prove their worth. Austin commented, "We've got a great opportunity to play well and end the season on a high note. We are ranked number eighteen in the country, putting us at second place in the "C" Division. St. Lawrence, who we have split our two matches with, is ranked first in the division, and I know that we can go out there and go match for match with them. We've previously played and beaten every team in our division (with the exception of Wellesley), and each of them were close matches. We just need to remain focused."

Hopefully Coach Austin's enthusiasm can take the women's Team past the first round, where they face a strong Connecticut College team. The beat Conn College in their previous match-up, 6-3. When asked whom they may face in the second round, Coach Austin answered in typical fashion, "We don't look past the first round."

On the men's side of the court, they are rebounding off a devastating 9-0 loss to the twelfth ranked Bowdoin squad to face Rochester on Sunday. The men are currently ranked twenty-ninth nationally, while Rochester is ranked twenty-second, making this weekend a close match-up.

This men's team has run into some tough obstacles this season, losing several key players from last year's roster, coupled with an extremely tough schedule. They regularly have matches with some of the top teams in the nation, including Yale, Penn, Bowdoin, and Cornell.

Veteran squash player, Mike Van Linda '01 commented, "I would have to say that although we're not the best (in fact, we're pretty damn far from being anywhere close to the best) we've got the heart and we have a good time and I don't think anyone can be disappointed about that."

Austin echoes Van Linda's sentiments, "This team has lost some close matches this season, played some good teams, but we've brought it together and plan to make a run for it at Nationals in two weeks. Having played only two of the teams in our division gives us an edge on our competition, because we have been able to bring our play up to a higher level."

Let's hope for a win over Rochester on Sunday before the men head to Nationals next weekend.

Siepiola leads Women's Hoops

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up a lot of opportunities for our guards," commented Diehl.

The Continentals' game against Trinity appeared to be a sign of things to come for Hamilton. With such a talented group of underclassmen under the leadership of Valenta and Abby McDermott '01, the team looked to have a winning season this year and redeem the team's 2-22 record last year. Although the team got off to a good start, beating Utica and Skidmore, they have not been able to win against NESCAC teams until Saturday. Diehl comments that the team's youth has led to much inconsistency in their play. "A lot of people say that chemistry is very important," commented Diehl. "Our game against Trinity was the first time I saw the kind of chemistry I wanted to see on the floor. The girls played with a great work ethic and showed their desire to win."

Unfortunately, the team that came out against Skidmore was not the team that had beaten Trinity only three days before. Although Hamilton had beaten Skidmore in an earlier match-up, Skidmore took an early lead that the Continentals were unable to bounce back from. A poor shot selection and feelings of frustration plagued the team throughout the game. Valenta stepped up her play, leading the team with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Russell added 14 points and Lara Baron '03 added 6 points and 7 rebounds. Diehl attributes the loss to frustration with the team's losing record and to too many turnovers.

This weekend, the Lady Continentals finish their regular season against weaker NESCAC teams Conneticut Collge (4-16) and Wesleyen (8-12). On Tuesday, they look to face third ranked R.P.I. in the first round of the UCAA tournament. The winner of the tournament will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

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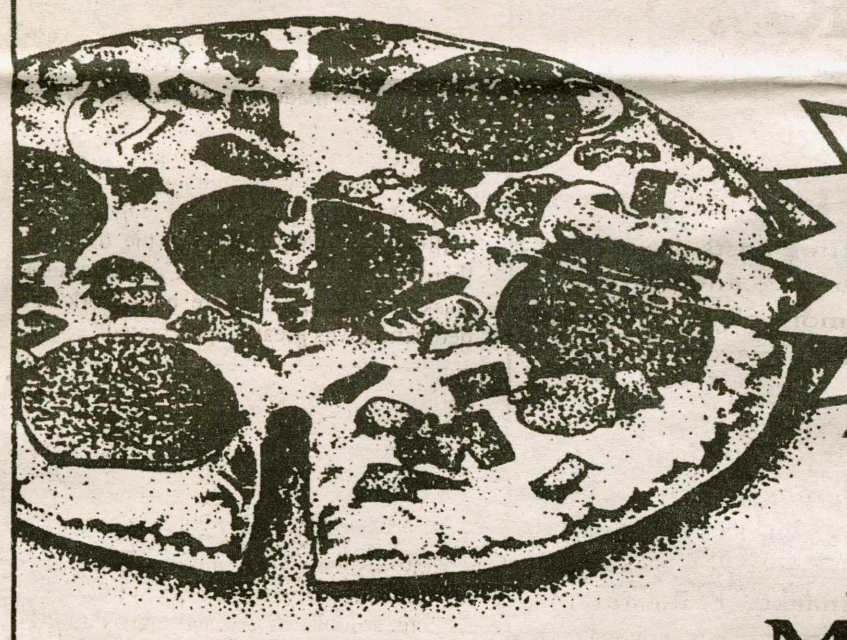

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IM Basketball champs crowned - and clothed

By Mark Barsanti '00
SPORTS WRITER

The Intramural Basketball league was a huge success this year. The number of teams increased dramatically from last year, with thirty three teams competing and approximately four hundred students participating.

Concluding the regular season was one of the most exciting and intense games that occurred all season. Last Sunday's B league grudge match between the Soul Sisters and Team Reynolds was back and forth the entire way. The Soul Sisters temporally took the lead in the second half with a jumper by Weatherly Ramsdell. However, Team Reynolds came back and took the lead with baskets by captain Lauren Reynolds and Kurt Mangold. But the Soul Sisters would not quit.

Led by Shannon Mercier, the league's most spirited player and best trash talker, the Soul Sisters made a come back and were only down by two with seven seconds left. The Soul Sisters inbounded the ball to Kelly McKeown, who was fouled at the three point line, giving the Sisters the chance to tie or even win. Coach Paige Peters, who diagrammed the play during the time-out commented, "I wanted Kelly to get the ball and when she got fouled, I knew that we were headed into overtime." McKeown went 2 for 3, and sent the game into the extra period. The Soul Sisters' Kristin Stanton and Azure Davey stepped up their play and defeated Team Reynolds by three points.

The first round of the A league playoffs was characterized by a day of upsets. The number one seed, Ghetto Style, was able to make a run late in the second half to hold off the Roughriders. The turning point in the game came when Ghetto style switched out of its usual zone defense, to a man-to-man defense. Coach Antwon Oliver said, "This was the key to victory because the Roughriders were knocking down all kinds of three point shots. If we did not go man then we would have been the first number one seed ever eliminated in the first-round of the playoffs."

In the next three first round games the lower seeds all beat the upper seeds. The Chipstars knocked off the second seed Team North, which was without the services of star player Bryan Perrtigrew. In the next game, the sixth seed Fat Train, knocked off third seed A plus. The Fat Train was led by Josh Spanburgh, who Coach Mike Harrison described as "displaying a plethora of low post moves that would have made Tim Duncan jealous." The final upset of the first-round occurred when the fifth seed X's and O's, led by Sam Jackson and Brad Fleischer, defeated AD.

The semifinal A league games were drastically different than the first-round games. In the first game, The Fat Train displayed Kentucky like three-point shooting and eliminated the Chipstars by thirty points. On six consecutive possessions, the Fat Train hit six three pointers. It was a run that the Chipstars could never recover from. In the second semifinal, Ghetto Style used a second half run to eliminate the X's and O's. Down by only five at half time, it looked like the X's and O's were on pace to give the defending championships a run for the T-shirts. However, a second half shooting slump hindered their advancement.

The A league final was a classic match-up between the league's two best teams. The Fat Train, led by Dan Fallon, got off to an early lead. Fallon hit three consecutive jumpers to give his team an early lead. However, Ghetto Style's Ron Thomas and Mario Henderson battled back and led their team to a two point lead at the half. The Fat Train put a decisive run together midway threw the second half led by the three point shooting of Kareem Mimms and the inside play of Jess Vilsack. Joe Ellman sealed the victory for The Fat Train by making his foul shots.

The action in the B league playoffs was just as intensive and competitive. In the first division, the semifinal match-up came down to Grandpa's Medicine versus Girth, led by Dan Cooney and Nick Moore. Grandpa's Medicine jumped out to an early thanks to the three point shooting of John Garrett and Jeff Carleton. However, Girth battled back in the second half to defeat Grandpa's Medicine in overtime. The game would have ended in regulation if Girth star Thatcher Freeborn could have made his lay-up, but instead attempted an Freeborn unsuccessful dunk.

In the semifinal match-up in Division II, Team Marsh had the lead for most of the game against Peter Ringel's Throwbacks. However, with under two minutes to go, the Throwbacks put on a full court press, and used the three point shooting of Greg Geist to send it into overtime. In the extra period, Geist hit another three pointer to defeat Team Marsh.

The B league championship game was a classic that went down to the wire. The Throwbacks took an eight point first half lead because of the hot shooting of Geist and JP LeBlanc. Girth battled back in the second half. With seven seconds left and a tied score, Girth inbounded the ball to Freeborn, who was fouled with four seconds remaining. Freeborn made one of two shots, giving Girth the lead. Ringel flung up a desperation half court shot, but it was no good.

In conclusion, I would just like to thank all of the participants of the league, especially the officials. Without the officials, there would not have been an Intramural Basketball League. There hard work and dedication was greatly appreciated.

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Hoops Dedication

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out there to go to the men's basketball game tonight against Connecticut College. After a rough road trip last weekend, the team looks to get back into winning form for the post-season. This is the last regular season weekend of the year and the team could really use some fan support as they face two tough games, Connecticut College and Weslyan. As a side note, has anyone noticed Liz Casey's (Junior men's basketball player Pat Casey's sister and freshman hoops phenom) practice habits? I encountered her in the weight room last week, dribbling a ball between sets. That's dedication.

Final Words - Anyone who caught the finals of the "A" league IM basketball playoffs Monday night got a real treat. The Fat Train defeated Ghetto Style in a physical struggle that was played with incredible intensity...John Rocker is apparently on the trading block, but who wants to deal with that mess? A lot of teams, that's who. Expect the Braves to get top value if he is moved...Thanks go out to guest contributor Chris Philipsen, whose NFL knowledge proved invaluable against my deadlin› this week...

Women's Track places first at UCAA Championship

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend, the women's indoor track and field team won the UCAA Championships at home, defeating St. Lawrence University, RPI, the University of Rochester, and Union College.

Coach Ellen Hull said, "The team really rose to the occasion. They decided a few weeks ago that this was something they really wanted to do. People from every event group stepped it up."

Hull was named UCAA Coach of the Year, Maggie Hanson '02 was named UCAA Runner of the Year, Emily Scursso '02 was named UCAA Field Events Performer of the Year, and Julie Elmuccio '03 was named UCAA Rookie of the Year.

Hanson, last week's ECAC Runner of the Week, continued her domination, finishing first in the 1500m and 3000m runs with times of 4:48.28 and 10:15.71, and qualifying for the ECAC Championships.

"We were able to pull together and clinch the win as a team this past weekend," commented Hanson. "We missed Annie [Toth] both as a scorer and in spirit, but assistant coach John Hartpence's motivational speech, 'Saint Lawrence is a bunch of rabid dogs,' really got us into high gear for the meet."

Jen Cammarano '03 qualified for ECAC's in the 1500m run with a time of 4:51.34. In the 800m run, Amanda Chase '03 finished first and qualified for ECAC's. In the 5000m run Isabel Ezrati '03 and Captain Lesley Vars '00 finished seventh and ninth, respectively. Vars commented, "Numerous outstanding performances allowed us to win UCAA's by a lot."

In the field events, Elmuccio, Scursso, and Kate Clark '02 led the way. Elmuccio's qualified for ECAC's in the long jump and the triple jump. Scursso, last year's Rookie of the Year, finished first in the triple jump and also set a new Hamilton record.

Clark finished fourth in the high jump with a height of 1.47m. She exclaimed, "We defended our house!" In the 20-lb. weight throw Sherri Hamlette '01 and Courtney Robbins '03 finished second and sixth with throws of 13.07m 8.82m, respectively. Hamlette's throw qualified her for ECAC's. Robbins and Hamlette finished third and fourth in the shot put.

In the sprint events, Roxanne Hoek '03, Scursso, Christina Freyre '02, and Peggy Malloy '01 were big winners. In the 200m dash, Hoek, Scursso, and Freyre finished first, fourth. In the 400m dash Freyre, Tricia Kowalski '03, and Andrea Stroud '03 finished second, third, and ninth with times of 1:04.17, 1:04.28, and 1:06.57.

Hoek took second place in the 55m dash as well, with Scursso, Myrth, Freeman, and Peggy Malloy'01 finishing after her in the fourth, seventh, twelfth, and fourteenth spots. The team finished second in the 3200m relay and the 1600m relay.

Myrth summed up the meet, "The other teams at Sunday's meet did everything in their power to prevent us from walking away with the 2000 indoor UCAA Championship. They wanted it for themselves, but we wanted it more."

Most of the team does not have a meet until next weekend's NYSCTC Championships at SUNY Fredonia. Hull said, "We still have a lot of time left in the season and we are still working hard to do well at the other championships."

This will be the last chance for people to qualify for either ECAC's or the NCAA Championships. The team is looking to continue its season long success with a win next weekend, although it will be difficult with some key members of the team injured.

The men's track and field team finished third last weekend in the UCAA Championships behind the RPI and St. Lawrence University. The most spectacular event of the meet was the 1500m run in which Sam Brown '01, Scott Taylor '01, and Seth O'Bryan '01 finished first, second, and sixth with times of 4:04.35, 4:06.82, and 4:19.71. Brown and Taylor qualified for ECAC's and broke the UCAA record.

Weiss summed up the team's sentiments, commenting, "Overall, we could do better as team. We weren't as deep in the field events as we were in the track events. RPI beat us soundly in the field events and SLU's ploy of making their distance runners double up and triple up on events, some that were separated by a short amount of time, worked well for them."

In the 55m hurdles co-captain Josh Cooper '00 and Tom Alberi '03 finished fourth and fifth. Petrivelli and Coudert finished fourth and twelfth in the 55m dash. In the 200m dash, Walt Sosa '00, Marc Petrivelli '01, and Tony Coudert '01 finished tenth, fourteenth, and nineteenth. Mike Thompson '03, Roy Sabo '01, and Jeff Garte '00 finished fourth, sixth, and tenth in the 400m dash.

Garte commented, "The meet was close at the end between Union and Hamilton, but the world's prettiest 4x800 and 4x400 meter relays came through with the support of the team to make sure we didn't come in [last]."

In the field events, Co-captain Jeff Needham '00 finished fourth in the 35-lb. weight throw with a throw of 14.39 meters. Sky Gellatly '03 and Petrivelli finished sixth and tenth in the long jump, with jumps of 6.08 meters and 5.27 meters. Gellatly and Cooper finished fourth and eighth in the triple jump with.

In the pole vault, Andrew Inglis '01 finished seventh with a vault of 3.05 meters. The relay teams did very well against heavy competition, finishing second in the 3200m and first in the1600m.

The team's biggest problem is its lack of depth in certain events, not its talent. However, the Continentals look to regroup and achieve much success at next weekend's NYSCTC Championships at SUNY Fredonia, where the team will have its last chance to qualify for the ECAC or NCAA championships.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome **Sports Editors, Peter and David, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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NBA				
Indiana at New York 2/19	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers
LA Clippers at Chicago 2/19	Bulls	Clippers	Clippers	Bulls
Vancouver at Milwaukee 2/19	Bucks	Bucks	Bucks	Bucks
Miami at Charlotte 2/20	Heat	Hornets	Hornets	Heat
LA Lakers at Philadelphia 2/20	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Portland at Sacramento 2/20	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers	Blazers
NHL Hockey				
NY Islanders at New Jersey 2/19	Devils	Devils	Devils	Devils
Los Angeles at Buffalo 2/19	Sabres	Sabres	Sabres	Sabres
Toronto at Montreal 2/19	Canadiens	Leafs	Leafs	Canadiens
Pittsburgh at Florida 2/19	Panthers	Panthers	Penguins	Panthers
Dallas at Colorado 2/20	Avalanche	Avalanche	Stars	Avalanche
Philadelphia vs. NYRangers 2/20	Flyers	Rangers	Flyers	Rangers

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Dady leads Women's Hockey past Sacred Heart

By Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

The women's hockey team played its two final home games of the season this weekend, earning a win and a tie against Sacred Heart and Connecticut College, respectively.

"We keep getting better. We're playing really well now, and its unfortunate we ended up with just a tie on Sunday, but at least we showed heart and fought back," said Coach Susan Reece.

Hamilton came into this weekend playing its best hockey of the season, after having played two close games against Middlebury and Vermont last week. Sacred Heart, who owns a 9-6-1 conference record, gave the Continentals a hard-fought game. Sacred Heart got off to an early lead with a goal by Kim Abrahams in less than a minute into the first period.

PHOTO BY TAMIEN ELLENS '03

Goalie Jen Kroleski '03 makes another great save for Hamilton.

Sacred Heart would not score again, as the Hamilton defense came up strong, led by freshman goalie Jen Kroleski's 24 saves in net. The Continentals scored in the second on two power-play goals within 36 seconds of each other. Both goals were netted by conference leader Paula Dady '03; the first was assisted by Alexa Slaunwhite '00 and Kathleen Lubin '01, and the second from Slaunwhite and Kristen Engster '01. Despite some opportunities to regain their lead in the third, Sacred Heart could not convert, and the Continentals notched their seventh win of the year, 2-1.

The team's lone senior, Slaunwhite, said of the match, "We came out ready to play and that is the most important thing for us. We knew Sacred Heart was fighting to make the playoffs, and our goal was just to kind of mess things up for them. We just went out to have fun and work hard, and we came out with a good win."

In Sunday's contest against Connecticut College, Hamilton appeared to have the edge. Playing well against a team with a 2-11 conference record, the Continentals seemed to be in line for their eighth win on the season. Despite out-shooting their opponents 13-5, the first period ended scoreless. Hamilton out-shot Connecticut 12-3 in the second period as well, but still without any results.

"We dominated the game, we were forechecking really well, we just couldn't put it in the net," said forward Maria Fernandez '03.

In the third, the scoreless tie was finally broken by Connecticut's left wing Claire Goldsmith at 3:41. As the period played out, it seemed as though Hamilton would fall, but with only 23 seconds left on the clock, Dady struck with a hard shot through Conneticut goalie Anna Trafton. Dady's goal tied up the score, and although Hamilton had some chances to score in the extra frame, the game would end in a draw.

"Connecticut College was not the best team we've played this season, but they had a really good goalie who kept them in the game. We didn't give up though, and we came out with a pretty good tie," said Brianna O'Hare '03, a high school teammate of Conneticut's Trafton.

The Continentals will finish up their season this weekend as they face - off against Bates, who boasts only one conference win this year, and Southern Maine, who will be tough at home in their Olympic-sized rink.

Rugby stars wreck havoc on Region

By Matt Glassman '01
SPORTS WRITER

The quest of our three rugby heroes continued on November 20th in the year of our Lord, 1999. They found themselves only a short jaunt from the Hill this time, in Albany, NY, where they competed with the New York State All-Stars in the Northeast Regional Championships against the New York Metro All-Stars and the New England All-Stars.

Destiny, their trusty Geo Prism, carried You see, there was more at stake for these battle-hardened warriors of the pitch than just the glory of victory. The Northeast Regional All-Star team, scheduled to compete in California for the national title in the spring, is picked from the teams playing at the Championship and our heroes had high hopes and unwavering determination.

It was mild for November at the beginning of their first game around noon in which they faced the marauders from metro New York. It didn't take long for the scoring to begin, as less than five minutes into the game, Ben "Glitter Boy" Myers took a pass from Nigel Waters 20 meters out, sidestepped a defender, sprinted towards the try zone, and dove across the line for the opening score.

That set the pace, as Waters followed Myers' try with one of his own only a few minutes later, and then Andrew "O-Train" Orzel seized control of the game. Orzel began the game at fullback, but was quick to join the offensive thrust. As the upstate New Yorkers rolled down the field, they worked the ball out to the wing Mitch Peters, who dumped it off to Orzel. Orzel then dashed through the defending tacklers and stiff-armed the opposing fullback as he crossed the try line for the third score of the game.

As the first half wound down, L.D. "No Pattern" Platt showed his grit as he buried an opposing back at the try line to prevent him from scoring. The back had to be helped off the field as he apparently dislocated his shoulder and may have cracked a couple of ribs.

Myers opened the scoring in the second half as well, receiving a pass three meters out and beating the opposing wing to the corner of the try zone for his second try. In the second half Orzel moved up to wing and picked up right where he left off. He fielded a kick inside his own half and turned up field. After slipping past two defenders he gave a little dummy pass and was off to the races. Sixty meters later, Orzel was in the try zone with his second score of the game.

Less than ten minutes later the O-Train got the hat trick with a twenty meter dash, dancing through the metro New York team like a rabid ballerina for the try. The first game ended with an upstater shut out of the metro New York by a score of 44-0 and our heroes accounting for 33 of their team's 44 points.

As game two opened up against the New England All-Stars a cold November rain began to fall on our weary heroes. Myers once again opened the scoring with a determined run down the wing, plowing through a defender at the line for the score. The momentum then swung in New England's favor. They scored three tries within 20 minutes as New York seem mesmerized by the opposing team's passing and were caught flat-footed time and time again.

At half time the mood was dire in the New York huddle. The New England team showed much more skill than the New York Metro team and had fresher legs than the upstaters. However bruised, tired, and cold, the upstaters were, they knew they were not yet beaten. They battled back with two unanswered tries early in the second half, drawing them within 4 of New England. As the game wound down, it got ugly. Both teams began dropping passes and missing tackles.

With five minutes left in regulation time the New Yorkers showed their desperation, pushing harder and harder for the go-ahead try. And it finally came. The fly-half, Mike Fleury, pulled the ball from a New York scrum and dashed down the weak side wing. As he drew the opposing wing in on him, he dished it off to "Glitter Boy" Myers who flew down the sideline unopposed, beat the fullback to the try line, and touched it down. Orzel kicked the extra point to put New York ahead by 3. And that's how it ended on that cold, wet day in November. Upstate New York battled past two exceptional teams to claim the Northeast Regional Championship as their own.

Our Hamiltonian heroes accounted for an astounding 51 of the team's 80 total points. When asked about the feat, coach Mike Scully shook his head, saying "Those Hamilton boys, I just don't know what to say. They're outplaying guys from places like Army, Dartmouth, and Cornell. Where is Hamilton anyway?" The regional team that will play for the national title will be picked some time in early spring, and Orzel, Platt, and Myers all have high hopes, and a pretty good chance, of making the team.

Reds, Fat Train week's winners

Has a "Riding the Pine" jinx set in around the country? Two weeks ago, I noted that Syracuse had a tough stretch ahead of them with Louisville on the road and then UCLA at home. If they could last that week unbeaten, they would take over the #1 ranking. Well, now they'll be lucky to grab a #1 seed in the tourney. Similarly, last week I chronicled Tiger Woods' amazing winning streak, which ended this week with his second place finish in the Buick. The new SI cover jinx? You decide. Anyhow, as usual, here are some thoughts on happenings around the sporting world:

MATT GLASSMAN

Riding the Pine

Central-ized power - How scary does the NL Central look right now? With this week's acquiring of Ken Griffey, Jr. by the Reds from the Seattle Mariners for two major leaguers and two minor leaguers, it looks as though NL pitching will be in for another record-setting year of inadequacy. In what appears to be another good move for baseball, Griffey joins Mark McGwire of the Cardinals and Sammy Sosa of the beleaguered Cubbies to make the top home run hitting trio to ever grace one division.

It should also make for an interesting race in the NL Central this year; while the Cubs have made several moves to bolster their lineup, they will probably still be (along with the Brewers) watching the weakened Astros and the Reds battle it out for first place, while the Cardinals will make the race heat up with improved pitching and a new dedication to play team ball, not McGwire-home run ball.

Mr. Smith goes to Washington - In a busy week of free-agent signings around the NFL, the Washington Redskins appear to have made the early big move (with a close runner-up being the Dallas Cowboys' signing of WR Joey Galloway) in signing former Bills standout and leader, DE Bruce Smith. Smith joins an already big-name line with Dan Wilkinson, Dana Stubblefield, and Marco Coleman, and will probably replace Anthony Cook at left end.

Is this a good move for the 'Skins? Sure, for two reasons: first, he is a formidable presence on the football field, regardless of his age, and second, he adds leadership and experience to a line that for years has been accused of being all-talent/no results/big money. Chalk one up for Dan Snyder...The 'Boys also added a much needed deep-threat receiver to replace Michael Irvin. Finally, the Rocket will not have to be a #1 NFL receiver who can't reach the top shelf in a supermarket; Galloway will reach that for him.

Gone, but not forgotten - Tom Landry, legendary coach of the Cowboys and the only coach the franchise had known in its first 29 years of existence, died this week of leukemia at the age of 75. Landry transformed a fledgling expansion team in 1960 into "America's team" in the 1970s, and installed new offenses and defenses that kept his teams always looking fresh. He was fired the day Jerry Jones bought the team in 1989, and was elected to the Hall of Fame a year later. He will be missed, but his mark on the NFL, both in innovation, loyalty and longevity will not be forgotten.

Get up, stand up - I implore everyone

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Sports

Men's Hoops undefeated UCAA champs

By Art McCann '00
SPORTS WRITER

On Tuesday night the men's basketball team defeated Skidmore 71-60 and became the first undefeated champion of the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Far from the most talented team in league history, this accomplishment is a tribute to the Continental's hard work and their determination to continue Hamilton's excellent winning tradition. In reward for their effort Hamilton will host the UCAA tournament's semi-final and final rounds on February 25th and 26th.

The win over Skidmore did more than clinch an undefeated league title. Over the weekend Hamilton lost to both Amherst and Trinity. This was the team's only first two-game losing streak of the year. Hamilton did not play particularly well in either game, and were out-rebounded 49-35 by Amherst and 45-33 by Trinity.

Hopefully, the Continental defeat of Skidmore restored some of the confidence that was surely lost after another dubious NESCAC performance.

On Friday night Amherst defeated Hamilton 88-75 extending their record to a respectable 13-5 and 4-2 in the NESCAC. Amherst shot 75 percent in the second half from behind the three-point line making a Hamilton comeback very difficult.

Scoring in double-digits for Hamilton were Joe Finley '03, Kris Fudge '01 and Jim McCarthy '01. Also, Co-captain Jimmy Driggs '01 dished out 11 assists in the loss. Driggs is currently averaging 6.6 assists per game.

Saturday afternoon's 88-79 loss to Trinity saw signs of life from Hamilton. In the second half Hamilton turned up their defensive intensity and outscored Trinity 48-45. Also, the Continentals forced Trinity to turn the ball over 18 times to Hamilton's 11.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Co-captain Jimmy Driggs '01 sets up the offense.

Perhaps the biggest upside to Saturday's loss was the surprising play of reserves Pat Casey '01 and Toby Bjorkman '02. Casey scored 16 points on 7-12 shooting in only 18 minutes and the high-flying Bjorkman scored 9 points and grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds in only 17 minutes. Fans should look to see more playing time from Bjorkman whose smooth shooting and jumping ability make him another threat off of Hamilton's deep bench.

Tuesday's UCAA victory saw the return of Hamilton's traditional offensive repertoire. McCarthy led the Continentals over Skidmore by shooting 6-11 from three-point land. McCarthy scored 20 points and raised his team- leading average to 13.1 points per game. Fudge led the Continentals in the paint with 11 points on 5-7 shooting. Fudge and Co-captain Brendan Ferretti '01 are also averging in double-digits, each with 12.5 points per game. Fans should look for McCarthy to continue his hot shooting as he nears the single-season record for three pointers made. McCarthy is only 14 shy of Fran D'Agata's record of 80 three-pointers made during the 1994-95 season.

This weekend Hamilton hosts Connecticut College and Wesleyan University. Both teams will provide Hamilton with the strong competition needed in preparation for the UCAA conference tournament. Connecticut College is currently 17-3 and ranked second in the Northeast. They bring a nine game winning streak into Friday night's game against Hamilton. Hopefully, Hamilton can use these final two games to improve before the UCAA tournament. Also, the Continentals would love to win their last NESCAC games and to finish the season .500 in the very demanding conference.

Men's Hockey ties 6th ranked R.P.I.

By J.P. LeBlanc '01
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend the men's ice hockey team defeated Skidmore College 5-2 and tied nationally ranked Rochester Institute of Technology 2-2. The Continentals victory over Skidmore increased the team's hopes of receiving a home playoff game, and their tie with RIT proved that Hamilton should be considered amongst the nation's elite.

On Friday night the team traveled to Saratoga to play Skidmore, a team that Coach Grady calls "hard-working" and "much improved." Skidmore has the potential to upset any team, though on Friday the Conts weren't about to fall victim to Skidmore. The Continentals used their speed and a fierce forechecking scheme to frustrate their opponents all night. Captain Chris Baudo '00 was the night's star, scoring a goal and adding three assists to give him a team-leading 27 points on the season. Winger Nick Potvin '02 added two goals and an assist, while blue-liner Craig Leger '02 chipped in with two assists. Goaltender Dave Scamurra '03 continued his winning ways, registering 21 saves for the win.

The Conts returned home for Saturday night's contest against RIT. RIT came into the game ranked sixth nationally and possessing one of the most dangerous offenses in the country. The Tigers average five and a half goals a game to go along with a power play that connects almost 30 percent of the time. To be able to compete with RIT, the Continentals had to give a great effort defensively.

According to Grady, defenseman Steve Aubuchon '03 set the tone for the team early. Aubuchon took a hard shot to his foot early in the game, but refused to leave the game. In fact, Grady says Aubuchon "played one of his best games." Aubuchon's example clearly sent RIT a message - Hamilton was going to give the Tigers all they could handle for a night. Hamilton's famous "power forecheck" gave RIT fits, and even RIT's head coach had to give Hamilton their due. Grady commented that Coach Wayne Wilson told him, "We (R.I.T.) have not had a team come at us as hard as you have."

Hamilton jumped out to an early two-goal lead thanks to goals by Leger and J.P. Acosta '02. Brent Davey '00 was spectacular in the net, denying several good Tiger scoring opportunities. For his effort, Davey was named to the NECAC honor roll. However, Davey could not stop everything, as RIT scored two unanswered goals.

Both teams had scoring opportunities in overtime, though neither could capitalize on them. Though the game ended in a two all tie, Hamilton was not disappointed. They proved they could play with any team in the country, and they can only build on this positive experience.

The Conts only allowed RIT two goals, and held the Tigers to one power play goal out of nine opportunities. Hamilton is proving it can win with defense as well as with their NESCAC-leading offense.

Hamilton has two difficult games this weekend. On Friday night, the Conts face Wesleyan College and then travel to Connecticut College for Saturday afternoon's contest. These games are important for all three team, as Wesleyan and Conn Coll are vying for the final playoff spot. Hamilton is seeking a home ice playoff game in the NESCAC tournament, and must win both games this weekend to have a shot a doing so.

Coach Grady says the team is looking forward to the NESCAC tournament. He feels that Hamilton "matches up well against all teams," so Hamilton is not looking for one particular opponent. Of the potential first round opponents, Hamilton has beaten two of them and lost to Colby and Bowdoin by one goal each.

Hamilton has saved their best hockey for the end of the year, something that must please Coach Grady. After watching practice this week, it seems as though the players reinforce Grady's emphasis of "fun" in the sport. Hopefully, Hamilton can sustain their positive attitude and earn a bid to the NCAA tournament.

Women's Hoops Beats Trinity

By Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's hoops team split its final two home games this weekend, losing to Amherst on Friday, 64-57, and beating Trinity on Saturday, 77-70.

In what many described to be an uncharacteristc performance, the Lady Continentals lost to NESCAC rival Amhert. Though Hamilton played tough defense, they were hindered by a poor shooting night, only making 33% from the floor. They were able to come within 5 points with only a few minutes remaining, but were not able to convert on any opportunities to score.

Hamilton was able to keep Amherst's best perimeter shooter to only 2 three pointers, one of which came at a crucial point in the last minute of the game. Amherst's Naomi Sullivan led all scorers with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Guard Amanda Siepiola '02 stepped up her play, leading Hamilton with 15 points. Sophomores Liz Buckley and Karen Pogonowski combined for 23 points and Buckley grabbed 10 rebounds for the loss.

Siepiola continued her stellar play in Saturday's contest against Trinity College, who boasts a 15-3 record and is ranked sixteenth in the latest d3hoops.com poll. Trinity came into the game after recently beating NESCAC powerhouses Williams and Amherst. The game played out much like a scene from Hoosiers; the underdog Hamilton came onto the floor with nothing to lose and played their hearts out against heavily favored Trinity College.

Hamilton, led by the tremendous play of Siepiola and Jenny Russell '02, took the lead early and never looked back. At the half, the Continentals were winning 41-34, and with only nine minutes remaining in the game were up by 20. To most in the audience, the game looked like it was over. However, Trinity battled back, and came within 6 with only a few minutes remaining. Timely baskets by Siepiola and Russell put the game out of reach for Trinity, and the Continentals won their fourth game, 77-70.

Siepiola led all scorers and earned a career-high 25 points, shooting over 50% from the field and 9 for 12 from the foul line. Russell, who leads both Hamilton and the UCAA in scoring, added 19 points. Pogonowski and Sabrina Vaenta '00 scored 11 points each for the win. Valenta leads the team in rebounds (7.2 per game), steals, and blocked shots. Buckley also played well for the Continentals, providing a much needed presence in the post.

On defense, Hamilton was helped by the play of Avery Anderson '03. Diehl praised Anderson, saying, "[Anderson] has really stepped up on defense and under the boards. She does a super job getting rebounds and is very physical." Overall, the win can only be attributed to the team's great attitude and heart. "They really hustled on the court and didn't give up any easy points. On offense, there was great movement on the perimeter that opened

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